

Mr. P's Note Home!

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SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS...

Congrats to our three ribbon winners. Trinity Terry, Samuel Hutchinson, and Dynasti King all won in the Meigs Science Fair and are going on to compete in the Metro fair in March.

Pictures of each student's project will be on the class website

later this week. To view them, go to: <http://www.flyparsons.org/sciencefair.html>



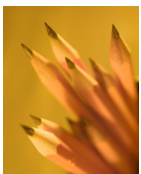
THANKS...

Our class would like to thank several parents and stakeholders! Thanks to Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Taylor for their time last Friday for our Valentine's Day celebration! Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Orleck supplied two batches of yummy cupcakes and Mrs. Knight supplied the drinks! Students had a great time! Thanks also to Mrs. Lange for volunteering her time making our test taking-taking boards and running copies!

SOUNDS READING...

Meigs fifth grade students participate in the annual Sounds Reading program from February through April. Students read prescribed literature and "score" runs to each base. Rewards are given at each base. The 2010 program kicks off this week. For more information, visit <http://www.flyparsons.org/soundsreading.html>

CLASSROOM REMINDERS...



- 1). Click on the button labeled "[GRADE 5](#)" for links to our on-line textbooks!
- 2). The monthly book for February is a non-fiction book covering historical significant events spotlighted in African-American History Month.
- 3). The Social Studies Fair at Meigs will be March 23. Projects are due March 22. Info at <http://www.flyparsons.org.ssfair.html>
- 4). Sounds Reading Base 1 runs from February 16- February 26. It's due March 1.
- 5). We are studying World War I in social studies, and space in science.
- 6). Link to thte blog at <http://www.flyparsons.com/blog>
- 7). Check the HOMEWORK webpage nightly!
- 8). Bring running shoes and water to drink on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Move and Groove in the gym! We will be also be using the climbing wall. A parent note will go home detailing this activity. Any student who chooses to NOT particiapte needs to return the form.

SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR...

Meigs fifth grade students participate in the Metro Social Studies Fair. Each year, the Metro fair is held in early May. For more information, visit

<http://www.flyparsons.org/ssfair.html>

STUDENT WRITER'S SHOWCASE...

Meigs fifth grade students also participate in the Student Writer's Showcase. Students will be able to submit writing in many different categories from poetry to play writing. Student final copies will be due March 1. Most of the writing will be done in class.

MR. P'S STUDENT OF THE WEEK...

• FEBRUARY 8-12, 2010

Camryn Magsby

Be sure to read about Camryn on the electronic "Student of Week" board in Mr. Parsons' room and on the web in the password protected area soon.

Next week's student of the week. . . **Gage Meadows**

ITEMS TO BRING. . .

- Red Tuesday Folder Signature Chart...
- CORRECTED WORK...

DATES TO REMEMBER...

02.16.10	PERSONAL JOURNAL #110-120 due...
02.16.10	Spelling Test #18...
02.16.10	READING LOG due...
02.16.10	MOVE & GROOVE...
02.16.10	4-H Meeting - Demonstrations...
02.16.10	DARE...
02.18.10	ENCORE...
02.18.10	MOVE & GROOVE...
02.18.10	GENERAL STORE...
02.19.10	GUEST TEACHER – Ms. Jenkins...
02.26.10	African-American History Month program @1:15PM...

25PTS: SECRET WORD = • SEE THE WEBSITE...

FOR ADDITIONAL NEWS ITEMS & INFO CHECK:

<http://www.flyparsons.org/notehome.html>

ON THE WEBSITE ONLY:

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA...

It pays to check the website, too...

This Week's SECRET WORD (Feb. 16):

25PTS: NOTE HOME SECRET WORD = "WW1"

Mr. P's SECRET INFORMATION LEAK:

WWW.FLYPARSONS.ORG/NINEWEEKS.HTML

TEAM SHIRTS...

As always, please watch the website to know which days our class will wear our class shirts in the future! The next date to wear class t-shirts is Wednesday, February 17, and maroon class shirts is Friday, February 19.



[GRADESPEED]: CHECK IT OUT...

UPDATE! Gradespeed.com will update again later this week. The updates will reflect the past week. Late work has been recorded as of February 12. Notice any missing assignments. Please submit them each week with the Tuesday Folder Sheet.

A SPECIAL COUPON...

Print and clip this coupon below for a special **REWARD**. To get the reward, please obtain a parent's signature that states your parent has checked gradespeed.com.

COUPON

Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date: _____ Secret Word: _____

MORE ABOUT WHICH TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Sounds Reading DUE: March 1, March 22, April 5, & April 19...

SS Fair DUE: March 22...

SPRING BREAK: March 15-19...

Sounds Baseball Game: May 15...

HTTPS://GRADESPEED.MNPS.ORG...

Grades are on-line at gradespeed.mnps.org. Parents and students have a password to check each subject in order to view grades. This should be done each Tuesday.

TWITTER...

Parents have another way of staying connected to our class. Log on to www.twitter.com on your computer or cell phone and follow our class. Mr. P posts daily updates about what's happening at www.twitter.com/meigsmagnet. It is not necessary to sign up a twitter account to view our class tweets.

PERSONAL JOURNALS...

Monday, March 1 is the next date for personal journals to be checked. Entries #121-130 will be checked. All entries are to be at least one paragraph in length and hand written in the personal journal composition notebook. Typed or loose papers will not be accepted. There will be no late journal grades this time. If it is not turned in on Monday, and completed, a zero will be assigned. Please be diligent in staying caught up!

HOMEWORK...

Many thanks go to all of the students who are faithful in turning assignments in on time regularly. We do, still, have a few students who are continuing to be neglectful in getting assignments in at the appointed time. Students, please be reminded that failing to turn assignments in on time is going to affect your report card grade. Please make a new commitment to keep up to date on homework and make your parents, teacher and yourself proud!

TUESDAYS...

Students receive graded papers in the Red Tuesday Folder every Tuesday. All papers do go home on Tuesdays. If for any reason they do not arrive, let Mr. P know. Students may correct any and all assignments and assessments for some of the credit (points) back. Those corrections are to be stapled to the Tuesday Folder Signature Sheet. Mr. P then re-grades the corrections and put the points earned in a category on Gradespeed labeled extra credit. The original grade does remain, while the points earned by making corrections are cumulated in that extra credit category. As mentioned, student grades are on-line at <https://gradespeed.mnps.org>. Parents and students have a password to check each subject in order to view grades. This should be done each Tuesday and recorded on the Tuesday Folder Signature Sheet.

HOMEWORK WORDS = SPECIAL REWARDS...

Kids, be sure to check the "HW" webpage for the HOMEWORK WORD each day. Each week a special reward will await those who follow through! By the way there are also chances for secret words on Twitter and the Tuesday Note Home from time to time! Please look and don't forget!

MR. P'S PROCEDURES...

Students, the following are reminders of specific classroom procedures:

- Push your chair in when you leave your desk.
- Have your agenda signed daily.
- Locker breaks are 7:45AM, and 2:45PM. Students should remember to take all materials from the locker at that time. Keep all materials in your locker until needed.
- 7:45AM morning work is posted on the television each morning as you arrive in the classroom. This is due at 8:15AM along with your daily tech task and all homework. Students, be sure to be prepared everyday and be on time with all of your assignments.

NOTES...

- Hey kids, remember to send your Tech Task (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday) via e-mail. Please send it to Mr. P [james.parsons@mnps.org]. Your tech task should be saved on your computer as a MICROSOFT OFFICE WORD DOCUMENT with your name and date in the title. Attach the document to an e-mail to send it to Mr. P. Don't forget to include your name and the date in the title of the e-mail. Doing this will save paper!

BYE BYE...