

Mr. P's Note Home!

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SHELBY BOTTOMS FIELD TRIP...

Mrs. Rector's classes and Mr. P's class are tentatively planning a field trip to Shelby Bottoms Park the second week of May. We have a request in for Friday, May 14. If this does pan out, we will ride a school bus to Shelby Bottoms that morning, do our stream study, eat lunch, and then return to Meigs. We plan to be gone from 9:00AM – 1:30PM. More details will follow as soon as we receive confirmation one way or the other.

LEARNING ABOUT THE STARS WEEK...

Dr. Taylor, from Betty's Brain, and Mrs. Ericka will be with us the week of May 17 for LERNING ABOUT THE STARS week! It will culminate with a cool visit to the portable planetarium the last week of school! We will also have a field trip (at night) to the Vanderbilt astronomy class star watching facility to have a star party, which is what viewing the night sky is called. This field trip is tentatively planned for Friday night, May 21. Our optional weather date is Tuesday, May 25. More details will follow.

JOHN SEIGENTHALER VISITING MAY 3...

Our visit from John Seigenthaler is next Monday. Students have been doing some individual research and will visit the library in the morning for a research lesson with Mr. P and Mrs. Parks. Students may begin to submit questions via our learning blog by visiting the John Seigenthaler link on the class website. The entire fifth grade will be participating in this event. Watch for the hallway display at the end of the week.



TENNESSEE YOUTH LEGISLATURE...

The Tennessee Youth Legislature meets one last time the Wednesdays after school in Dr. Pennington's classroom (Room 214). The following students in our class have prepared a bill to present Friday at the Tennessee House of Representatives: Noah H., Josef, Chris, Sam, Sawyer, Tanner, Robert, Jared, Rob, Camryn, Dallas, Corey, and Sydney. Awards are given that day for outstanding presentation and questioning. For more information, visit the TYL link on our class webpage. Mrs. Searfoss will also be joining Dr. Pennington at the event this Friday.

EVENING WITH THE ARTS...

The Meigs annual Evening with the Arts will be Friday, May 7. Our class, as well as all language arts classes, will present a coffee house. The EWTA coffee houses are gatherings of parents and friends of each class as students share their created poetry.

TISSUES & BATTERIES NEEDED...

Our clickers and TI-Nspire calculators are in need of battery power. AA batteries are needed for the clickers and AAA batteries are needed for the calculators. If you are able to donate, please send those to school at your earliest convenience.

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

• **APRIL 26-30, 2010**

Tanner West

Be sure to read about Tanner 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. . . **Dallas Knight**

ITEMS TO BRING. . .

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

DATES TO REMEMBER...

04.26.10 Move and Groove...
04.26.10 ENCORE...
04.30.10 Tennessee Youth Legislature...
05.03.10 PERSONAL JOURNAL #165-170 due...
05.03.10 April Biography presentations...
05.03.10 John Seigenthaler visit...
05.07.10 EWTA ...
05.17.10 LEARNING ABOUT STARS week...
05.24.10 Fifth Grade Field Day...
05.26.10 Fifth/Sixth Grade Awards Day...

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 (Apr. 27):

25PTS: NOTE HOME SECRET WORD = "MIXTURE"

Mr. P's SECRET INFORMATION LEAK:

WWW.FLYPARSONS.ORG/EVERYBODYSOMEBODY.HTML

TEAM SHIRTS...

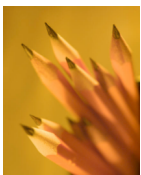
As always, please watch the website to know which days our class will wear our class shirts in the future! The next date to wear class t-shirts is Wednesday, April 28, and maroon class shirts is Friday, April 30.



[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 April 23. Notice any missing assignments. Please submit them each week with the Tuesday Folder Sheet.

CLASSROOM REMINDERS...



- 1). Click on the button labeled "[GRADE 5](#)" for links to our on-line textbooks!
- 2). The monthly book for April is a biography. Students will present in character the morning of Monday, May 3.
- 3). The Social Studies winners and pictures coming soon. More info at <http://www.flyparsons.org.ssfair.html>
- 4). We are still in need of batteries. We need AA batteries, but especially need AAA batteries. We are also needing tissue.
- 5). Our class will be studying World War II and the Civil Rights Movement over the next month. Check it out at <http://www.flyparsons.org/WW2.html>
- 6). Link to the 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!
- 9). SOUNDS READING baseball game: Saturday, May 15.

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...

April Monthly Book is due 05.03.10.

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@mnp.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...