

Mr. P's Note Home!

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TUESDAYS...

As always, Tuesdays are the day of the week for communication. Parents should receive corrected papers and a "Mr. P's Note Home" in the Red Tuesday Folder. Always look for those documents. If ever there is an exception to that weekly schedule, it will be noted on the website. To confirm that you've received everything, the "Tuesday Signature Sheet" will also be attached. Always fill this form out and return on Wednesday morning. Tuesday is also a good day to check GradeSpeed. Parents, once you've done that, fill in current averages on the Tuesday Signature Sheet. Attach any corrected work or missing assignments to the back of that sheet. Remember, students, making a low grade or a zero should never be acceptable!

_____ Name _____

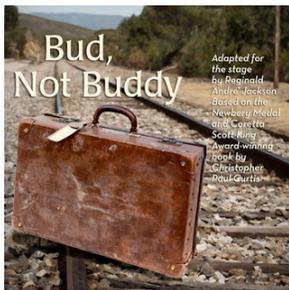
Red Tuesday Folder Signature Chart #213

Tuesday, _____ (date)

	Student received	Parent's initials
Corrected papers		
Mr. P's Note Home		
Secret Word: []		
Meigs Memos (on-line)		
Mygradebook.com verification:		
Current Language Arts grade ▶		
Current Reading grade ▶		
Current Math grade ▶		
Current Social Studies grade ▶		
Current Science grade ▶		
Reminder #1:		
Reminder #2:		
Reminder #3:		
Reminder #4:		
Reminder #5:		
Absent or missing work attached (listed below):		
Parent signature: _____		
*Questions/Comments:		

FIELD TRIPS...

There are two trips in September to put on your calendars. The science camp trip is fast approaching. It's September 15-17. Please return all forms and camp fees as soon as possible. The deadline for forms and fees is September 10. We have three moms already signed up to chaperone. Thanks go to Mrs. Requierme, Mrs. Terry, and Mrs. Taylor for bravely volunteering to go! It will be a blast! Any other parents interested in going should let Mr. P know this week.



We will go to the Children's Theatre on September 29 to see Bud, Not Buddy. A permission form will be sent home for that trip next week. The cost will be approximately \$12.00. Chaperones will also be needed for that endeavor. Check out the NCT's website at: <http://www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org/show1.htm>

CLASS SHIRTS...

We will re-order class shirts for the new school year for anyone who has outgrown last year's shirts or may just want an extra or two. The order form will be sent home so that you may select shirts you may wish to purchase. Look for that form in the next few days. The prices are as follows: burgundy youth class polo shirt---\$12 each; burgundy adult class polo shirt---\$15 each, and class t-shirts (youth or adult)---\$7 each.

TECH TASK...

The tech tasks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will now be done solely through the www.meigsmail.org Google Document features. Each student has practiced and taken notes about how to use the very intuitive features. Students should be using his/her MeigsMail account by this point!

[BLOG]: WEEKLY WORDS ON WEDNESDAY...

This school year, Mr. P will blog weekly educational tips, classroom congrats, and maybe a few humorous stories each Wednesday at this new blog address:

<http://weeklywordswblog.blogspot.com/>

THANKS!

Many thanks go to Mr. & Mrs. Dougherty for purchasing the recess equipment for our class. The kids love the wiffle ball sets, the soccer ball, the football, kickball, and Frisbees! Hopefully we'll be able to get lots of enjoyment out of each item!

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

• **AUGUST 23-27, 2010**

Elizabeth Gillis

Be sure to read about Elizabeth 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. . . **Jack Brandes**

ITEMS TO BRING. . .

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

DATES TO REMEMBER...

08.27.10 GENERAL STORE & BINDER CHECK...
08.30.10 THINKLINK testing...
08.31.10 CAMP parent meeting @ 5:30PM in cafeteria...
09.01.10 School Picture Day...
09.03.10 Bud Caldwell & Kenny Watson comparison essay DUE...

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 (August 24):

25PTS: NOTE HOME SECRET WORD = "VALIDATION"

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, August 25, and maroon class shirts is Friday, August 27.



[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 August 23. 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: _____

CLASSROOM REMINDERS...



- 1). Click on the button labeled "[GRADE 6](#)" for links to our on-line textbooks!
- 2). Check the HOMEWORK webpage nightly!
- 3). Link to the blog at <http://www.flyparsons.com/blog>
- 4). Go online to order books at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs Use our class code GLW2M
- 5). Bring running shoes and water to drink on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Move and Groove in the gym!
- 6). Personal Narrative Writing begins soon.
- 7). Study geography land/map features - test soon.
- 8). AUGUST BOOK: Holes due September 3. Freak the Mighty begins soon in class.
- 9). Our class will be studying large numbers in a unit called [6,000,000 paper lips!](#)

MORE ABOUT WHICH TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

BINDER CHECK: 08.27.10

THINKLINK testing: 08.30.10

CAMP parent meeting: 08.31.10

School Picture Day: 09.01.10

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER DUE: 09.03.10

NO SCHOOL: 09.06.10

SCIENCE CAMP: 09.15.10 – 09.17.10

FIELD TRIP to CHILDREN'S THEATRE: 09.29.10

MMS SIXTH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS...

Check out a few of the academic opportunities that are in store for Mr. P's class in the first nine weeks of 6th grade! Kids should be able to talk about each of these to their parents!

- Science Camp – September 15-17
- 6,000,000 Paper Clips – study of place value
- Ancient Egypt
- National History Day

WEEKLY READER...

Mr. P has already ordered this year's Weekly Reader subscription via credit card. The cost per student subscription is \$4.00. You may send a cash donation for the subscription to Mr. P.

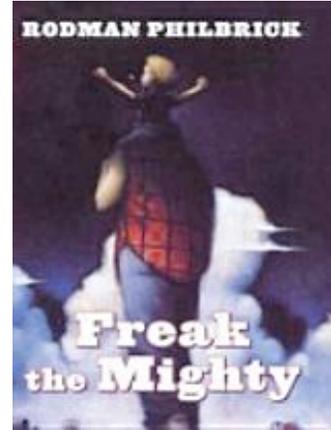
WISH LIST...

Our clickers and TI-Nspire calculators are in need of power. AA batteries are needed for the clickers and AAA batteries are needed for the calculators. We also need items for the general store and sports equipment for recess. If you are able to donate, please send those to school at your earliest convenience.

FREAK THE MIGHTY...

We are reading the Newberry book, Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick. The book is one of Mr. P's favorites chronicling the lives of two "misfits" who find they share lots of similar values! There is a great plot twist to the story. Many worthwhile themes are found in the selection! Once we have finished our study of the book, we will do a comparison of the movie adaptation of the book called, "The Mighty." The movie was made in 1997. Another noteworthy fact about the book is the fact there is a sequel titled Max, the Mighty.

The **August Monthly Book** is Holes. Students are to read this "new classic," for pleasure, by Friday, September 3.



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, August 30 is the next date for personal journals to be checked. Entries #1-10 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!

RRR/DEMERITS...

Students, please be reminded about the three Rs! You must be **r**espectful, **r**esponsible, and **r**esourceful. The administration has reminded you on announcements about the dress code, tardies, and Mr. P is reminding you about listening in class and doing your work. Several students have received demerits lately as a consequence for continually breaking these rules in class. You must try your very best to be organized and responsible. We are approaching the end of fifth grade and your adjustment to middle school should include being on time with all of your work as well as giving 100% during class and with those heretofore mentioned assignments. Thanks! -- Mr. P

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!

QUIZLET.COM...

Thanks for the awesome website Mrs. Knight. Parents and students may use this website to create practice quizzes to study for any tests or review concepts. Mrs. Knight makes spelling test Quizlet links each week and offered to share her link each week. That link will be posted each week on our website. Please take advantage of this service. It is very helpful.

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 www/meigsmail.org

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