Mr. P's Note Home!

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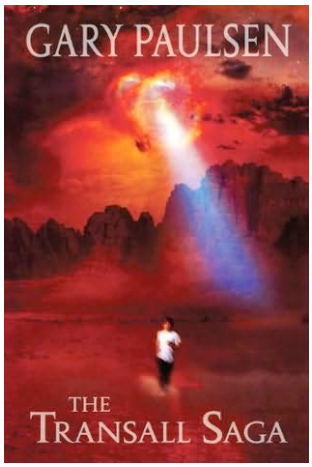
Ancient Egypt Day…

Ancient Egypt Day is Monday, November 1. Students will need to dress like an Ancient Egyptian. The following expectations are in place for the project: 1 team two-page research paper with bibliography (on google doc), 1 team google doc slide presentation, 1 team test (google doc), 3-5 visuals, and an outline (plan of presentation order). Students have been given several hours of class time to research, but time at home to prepare is also expected. All projects are due on October 28.

Stock Market…

On Monday, September 27, students will began a ten-week stock market competition in math. From September 27 – December 3, student teams of four will research and strategically plan their virtual buying of stocks on the New York Stock Exchange. Each Monday, Mr. P will post the team rankings. Congrats to the teams from our class that are in the top ten! Check out more details on the class website!

Transall Saga by Gary Paulsen…



We are reading the Newberry book, Transall Saga by Gary Paulsen. Students, please stay up to date on all assignments. Those assignments are found on the Transall Saga book club link in the homework webpage.

The **October Monthly Book** is a choice of reading another novel written by either Gary Paulsen, Louis Sachar, or Rodman Philbrick. Students are to read this book, by Wednesday, November 3.

The **November Monthly Book** is a choice of reading another novel written by Margaret Peterson Haddix. Mrs. Haddix has penned many books including several sequels to our next in-class, Among the Hidden. Students are to read this book, by Monday, December 6.

Speaking of books, please be reminded that the Scholastic Monthly Book Club orders are due 10.28.10. Click on the scholastic link on our website to browse and order!

Model UN…

Students will be developing their team United Nations resolutions this week in class. They will be sent in to the YMCA on Friday.

National History Day (NHD)…

Students should continue researching for the NHD topic he or she has selected to do either individually or in a team of two. Research will be checked on Friday, October 29. The project will be due on November 30. Check out all about this year's theme, Debate and Diplomacy in History: Success, Failures, Consequences on our class website. More information about how to put the project together are available on-line, as well as a rubric. In addition to the project itself, a process paper will also accompany it. This will explain the learning that occurred during the project. More information is available on our class website, and on the color-coded handouts given to students on Monday.

Mr. P's Student of the Week…

• October 25-29, 2010

Sydney Tall

Be sure to read about Sydney on the electronic "Student of Week" board in Mr. Parsons' room and on the Student of the Week board.

Next week's student of the week. . . **Rob Clairday**

Items to Bring. . .

- Red Tuesday Folder Signature Chart…
- CORRECTED WORK…

Dates to Remember…

10.26.10	4-H Meeting at 12:45PM…
10.28.10	Ancient Egypt Teaching Project DUE…
10.29.10	NHD research check…
10.29.10	Halloween Party at 1:30PM…
10.29.10	Sixth Grade Dance…
11.01.10	Ancient Egypt Day…
11.04.10	WORDS & MUSIC field trip…
11.11.10	TPAC ArtSmart field trip…

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 (October 26):

25pts: Note Home Secret Word = "Transall"

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, October 27, and maroon class shirts is Friday, October 29.

[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 October 14. 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.

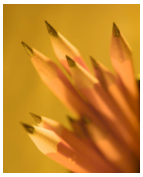
COUPON

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 thte blog at http://www.flyparsons.com/blog
4). Go online to order books at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs Use our class code GLW2M. September orders due by October 1.
5). Bring running shoes and water to drink on Fridays for Move and Groove in the gym!
6). NHD is ongoing. Projects will be due November 30.
7). Ancient Egypt Day is November 1.
8). OCTOBER BOOK: DUE November 1. Transall Saga begins 10/4.
9). Our class is studying algebra.

More About Which to Mark Your Calendar…

4-H Club Meeting: 10.26.10 @12:45PM
GREAT: 10.28.10 @12:45PM
NHD Multimedia workshop: 10.29.10 @8:00AM
BINDER CHECK (for entry to General Store): 10.29.10
General Store: 10.29.10
Spelling Test #8: 11.01.10
WORDS & MUSIC field trip: 11.04.10
TPAC ARTSMART field trip: 11.11.10

Snack Donations Appreciated…

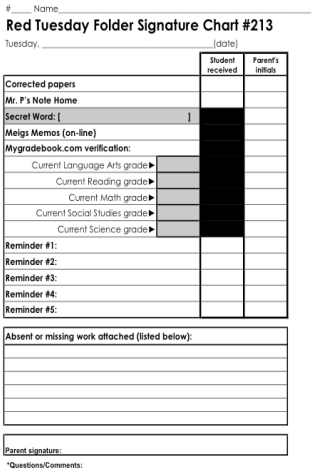
Mrs. Parsons is the math coach at John Early Middle School. The school is working hard to increase math achievement and to that end has been granted a before-school tutoring program. Since breakfast isn't served there until well after the tutoring sessions have concluded, breakfast snacks would be greatly appreciated for that time. When Mrs. Parsons mentioned it, our class' generosity immediately came to mind! Anyone who might be so inclined to donate, the needed items could include: Nutri-Grain breakfast bars, Pop-Tarts, peanut butter & cracker packs, or any non-perishable breakfast snacks. It is not an expectation that people donate, just an FYI about others that our class could support.

Class 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. Another way to donate is www.digitalwish.com. The website has our class is registered complete with a wish list. Anyone may donate to the site to purchase electronic equipment for our class. Many of you ask from time to time, "what do we need." Here's a site to be able to do just that!

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:**

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 share your Tech Task (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday) via www.meigsmail.org. On Tuesday and Thursday, the task is a google form that is directly sent to Mr. P.

Bye Bye…