

Mr. P's Note Home!

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SCIENCE FAIR...

Each student will have had a conversation with Mr. P about the science fair notebook and testable question. Most are needing to de-work the question being posed so that it can be quantified. Students should continue to research information that will lead to a good testable question and hypothesis. Please notice that on our class webpage the science fair link is displayed. Click on the science fair microscope icon to enter that webpage. Once inside, check out the due dates for this year's project and watch the power point about how to do a science fair project. Meigs Science Fair will be held the week of February 7. The MNPS science Fair will be March 3-4.

STOCK MARKET RESULTS...

The Stock Market Game concluded last Friday. Mr. P's class had a good first experience with the simulation. Congratulations to Team B for earning the most money in our class! The final rankings are as follows (the number is the team's ranking out of all of Middle Tennessee teams):

TEAM A: Jack, Liam, Dallas - Total Equity: \$104,970.99 (number 19)

TEAM B: Sam, Molly, Chris, Ryan - Total Equity: \$106,225.24 (number 12)

TEAM C: Augusto, Sawyer, Rob, Jaylon - Total Equity: \$102,474.19 (number 36)

TEAM D: Camryn, Josef, Elizabeth, Noah L. - Total Equity: \$100,608.90 (number 53)

TEAM E: Ana, Trinity, Tanner - Total Equity: \$102,457.94 (number 37)

TEAM F: Jared, Gage, Catherine, Dynasti - Total Equity: \$101,413.10 (number 45)

TEAM G: Noah H., Dana, Corey, Sydney - Total Equity: \$104,789.38 (number 21)

INVESTWRITE TOP ESSAYS...

Congrats to our InvestWrite class-level essay winners: Jack Brandes, Ryan Requierme, Noah Hubbell, Sydney Tall, and Augusto Diedrich! Each student's essay can be viewed on our stock market webpage. Results will be made about the next level of competition soon.

MATH OLYMPIAD # 1...

The first Math Olympiad of the school year was November 30. Congrats to our class Math Olympiad top scorer, Jack Brandes! Jack was the only perfect score on the first challenge. The next math Olympiad will be next week! Check out the other top scores on our webpage.

STUDY HABITS...

Please be reminded that in order for a student to maintain high grades, it is very important that all assignments are completed on time and that time is spent each day reviewing notes and not just doing that "night's homework." Time studying is a very important part of middle school. Work ahead and stay on top of upcoming due dates!

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

• **DECEMBER 6-10, 2010**

Dana Banouvong

Be sure to read about Dana 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. . . **Noah Hubbell**

ITEMS TO BRING. . .

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

DATES TO REMEMBER...

12.08.10 ATH Activity Choice #2 DUE...
12.10.10 Propaganda A DUE...
12.08.10 ATH Activity Choice #3 DUE...
12.15.10 Propaganda B DUE...
12.15.10 Class Party...
12.16.10 INVEST Reward DJ Party...
12.16.10 Half-Day – Dismiss at 11:30AM...

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 (December 7):

25PTS: NOTE HOME SECRET WORD = "DEMOCRACY"

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, December 8, and maroon class shirts is Friday, December 10.



[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 December 6. 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.

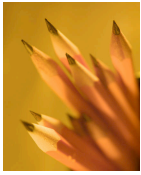
COUPON

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. November orders due by December 10.
- 5). Bring running shoes and water to drink on Fridays for Move and Groove in the gym!
- 6). Science Fair is ongoing. Projects will be due February 7.
- 7). Check the Among the Hidden webpage for due dates.
- 8). GREAT project due December 15..
- 9). Our class is studying fractions.

MORE ABOUT WHICH TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

GREAT: 12.09.10 @12:45PM

BINDER CHECK (for entry to General Store): 12.10.10

General Store: 12.10.10

Spelling Test #13: 12.13.10

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.

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: [_____]		
Missed Memo: (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:		

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

2ND NINE WEEKS' LATE WORK POLICY...

As aforementioned, this nine weeks will mark a change in Mr. P's late work policy. Students may no longer simply procrastinate in turning in assignments. Late and incomplete work will not be accepted unless a parent has contacted Mr. P with a legitimate reason for that late work. If a student simply does not turn in an assignment, a "**mis**" code will appear on GradeSpeed. This will average a zero into the current grade. At this point in sixth grade, it is developmentally appropriate to expect students to be responsible for completing work on time. Absent work does not fall in this category. As always, corrections will be accepted on returned checked papers.

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.

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