



Ms. Diller's Weekly Newsletter

October 3, 2011



Important Dates:

Wednesday: Burritos - \$3

Reading Trackers due 10/7

6th Grade:

In spelling this week, we will be working on various spellings of the /k/ sound, adding /ing/ to words with different spelling patterns, and proof reading 3 paragraphs. The take home task this week will work on the rules of adding the /ing/ suffix. Core knowledge has a list of words that 6th grade students are required to know. In order to cover those words, we will be adding 3 words to our additional 26 every week. This week those words are: *separate*, *amateur*, and *embarrassed*. Please make sure your child studies these as they tend to be more difficult than the words on the spelling test.

In writing, we will be working on finishing up and taking a test over chapter 5 in Shurley. Your child may have some Shurley homework on Tuesday night, but other than that just needs to study to make sure they understand the difference between natural and inverted orders, as well as the "not" adverb exception. You can find these in their Shurley book.

In reading, we will continue to read "Black Ships before Troy." We are just over half way through the book and students seem to be enjoying the reading. We had a vocabulary quiz last week and scores were varied, but everyone did pass. This week, we will have a character and vocabulary quiz on Friday, so please ask your child about what they need to study. They will have a study guide with them.

7th AND 8th GRADE READING

7th grade will watch one of the versions I have of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" on Wednesday to help with their comprehension and background knowledge of the book. On Friday we will discuss chapter 2-4. Please encourage your child to talk about it since it is a difficult story to comprehend.

8th grade will continue following the story of Wang Lung and Olan in "The Good Earth." Some students have expressed some confusion as to what is going on, so this week, we will be doing some writing to help reinforce what they have read.

COMPUTERS, JOURNALISM, AND CHARACTER ED.

Computers:

I am excited to say that we now have a typing program installed on all computers in the lab. Students will use this program to help increase their keyboard knowledge and thereby their typing speed. This is a lifelong task that they all need practice with.

Journalism: I will be out of class today, but the editors will take the lead and finish the layout as we only have another week before we go to print!

Character Ed.: Our trait of the month is "Failure Leads to Success." We will be working on how we can learn from our mistakes and not let them get us down.

Parents: please let other parents of other students know that in order to ensure they or their child receive a burrito, it is always best to pre-order, even if it is the day before and only one week at a time. Thanks!



