



## Ms. Diller's Weekly Newsletter

January 9, 2012



### Important Dates:

**Wednesday: burritos**

**Friday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - end of semester**

**Spaghetti dinner/dance: Feb. 10**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

This will be the last week of grades for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Report cards should go home on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

As in the past, each class will be putting together a basket for the silent auction at the spaghetti dinner. Our theme this year will be "A trip to the Beach." If each student could contribute one item, we will have a great basket. All items need to be brought to school by Friday, Feb. 3. Valerie Jones and Edie Wacker will then put the basket together for us. If you have any questions, please see them. Thanks Val and Edie, for your help!

In spelling this week, we will be working silent consonants, analogies, words with more than one meaning, and proof reading.

In writing this week, we will be finishing up our articles that were started last week. Students read an interview and are taking that information and putting into a factual, third person article. This is in preparation for our big research paper that we will be starting in the next few weeks. We will also be finishing up Shurley chapter 8 with a test on Friday. We will also be doing some creative writing at the end of the week.

In reading, we will finish up Act 1 in "Julius Caesar." After each act, students will fill out a chain of events graphic organizer and take a quiz. The graphic organizer will help them keep track of what is going on.

### 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE READING

7<sup>th</sup> grade started poetry with a review of what we learned last year as well as a few new things and writing two individual poems. My goal is to have each student have one poem posted in the hall by the end of the unit.

8<sup>th</sup> grade will finish the first section of "Animal Farm" and complete the study guide questions for the section. We will most likely finish the second section as well.

### COMPUTERS AND CHARACTER ED.

#### Computers:

Students will be doing a Fact Monster internet research guide. This is also practice for the upcoming research paper.

#### Character Ed.:

I was mistaken last week when I said our trait for the month was ownership. It is actually commitment, which means to see through all of your goals, both long and short term.



