



Ms. Diller's Class November 14, 2011

7TH AND 8TH GRADE READING

7th grade will continue to follow the adventures of Buck, the main character in "The Call of the Wild." We will stop after chapter 6 this week.

8th grade will continue to read about Wang Lung and Olan and their trials and triumphs as farmers in early 1900s China. This week, we will read about 5-6 more chapters in the book.

COMPUTERS AND CHARACTER EDUCATION

This week in computers, we will do an interactive research project on The First Thanksgiving. This may take more than one class period and will then be finished after break.

In character education, we will be discussing the trait of the month "Speak with good purpose." On Friday morning, a few of the students will be helping 2nd grade with the skit for the month.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wed.: Book orders due

Fri, Nov. 18 – character ed assembly

Nov. 22-25: Thanksgiving Break – no school!

One more week before break – I hope you all enjoy your time off with family and friends!

PTO has asked us to remind you that ALL candy bars and money must be returned ASAP!

In spelling we will be working on homophones (words that sound the same but are spelled differently), words pairs (any way, anyway; all ready, already), and choosing the correct spelling.

In writing, students will be working in groups on a persuasive writing project on Tuesday and Wednesday and presenting that writing to the class on Thursday. Their goal with this writing will be to persuade customers to come the restaurant they have created for the Thanksgiving holiday. They will be coming up with the name, the menu, the log, and the advertisement that they will be presenting to the class on Thursday.

In reading, we will continue to follow Odysseus' journey home with the 8-9 chapters of "The Wanderings of Odysseus." On Friday, we will be creating placemats for the patients at Children's Hospital. Any Christmas craft items you have that can go through a laminator, and would like to donate, we would be grateful for. We will also be watching a movie and having popcorn Friday afternoon as our in class Thanksgiving "celebration."



