

November 14, 2011

Dear Parents,

This is the last week before Thanksgiving Break! We will be finishing up some of the units in social studies, and having a fresh new start after break!

6<sup>th</sup> grade

This week students will be finishing their unit on ancient Greece and Rome. On Wednesday we will be going over our study guide that they had to finish by Wednesday, and creating a comic strip on the unit. Students will be sent home with the writing section of the test that we will have on Wednesday. They will need to have the final copy of the writing assignment in class on Friday (it goes with the test). On Friday we will take a test and then watch the 1945 movie *Caesar and Cleopatra*. There will be no homework over the break.

7<sup>th</sup> grade

In social studies students will be creating a newspaper on the Russian Revolution on Tuesday. This will be showing their knowledge of the unit, and will be their "test" for the unit. They will not have homework on Tuesday, but they will be reading other students' articles on Thursday and have to write a response to one article over the break.

In core the students will be finishing their research paper by Friday. They will have homework for this if they choose not to use their time wisely. They will need to be finished typing their rough draft by Thursday afternoon (they will get class time on Wednesday, and all of computers on Thursday), and they will need to have their editing completed by Friday when we go back to the lab to complete the final copy. They will also have the last page in their packet due on Friday.

8<sup>th</sup> grade

This week we will continue to read about the Cold War and the effect that it had on the world. On Wednesday I will be teaching them different strategies on how to take notes, and we will be talking about the Peoples' Revolution in China. By Wednesday students need bring back the permission slip for the movie. Students will also begin the 1964 movie *The Manchurian Candidate* and we will finish it on Friday. For Wednesday's homework students will need to draw a picture and a response to the chapter presentations that they will give in class on Wednesday. We will not be finishing this unit before break, but will not have homework over the break.

Sincerely,

Erin Puccio