



Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update



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SECOND QUARTER IS WELL UNDERWAY! HOPEFULLY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN READING 30 MINUTES NIGHTLY AS PART OF THEIR HOMEWORK. THIS QUARTER I AM ASKING THAT THEY CONTINUE TO READ 30 MINUTES AND LOG THEIR MINUTES READ AND PAGES READ ONLINE. THIS WILL BE A WEEKLY GRADE. ONE OBSERVATION THAT I HAD DURING THE MAP READING TEST WAS THAT STUDENTS HAD DIFFICULTY KEEPING THEIR ATTENTION FOR THE FULL TEST TIME. WE ARE BUILDING READING STAMINA SO THAT WE ARE USED TO SITTING FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME READING. BIBLIONASIUM.COM IS A WEBSITE WHERE STUDENTS WILL LOG THEIR MINUTES READ. STUDENTS WERE EXCITED TO START USING THIS WEBSITE BECAUSE THEY HAVE A BOOK SHELF WHERE THEY CAN RECORD WHAT THEY ARE READING, AS WELL AS SEE WHAT BOOKS CLASSMATES ARE READING. THERE WILL BE COMPETITIONS AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN BADGES. PLEASE CHECK OUT YOUR CHILD'S PAGE! STUDENTS CAN LOG MINUTES AT HOME OR AT SCHOOL!

THIS WEEK STUDENTS HAD THEIR FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND THEIR CLASSROOM MONEY. I AUCTIONED OFF THREE SPOTS FOR A PIZZA LUNCHEON IN THE CLASSROOM. STUDENTS HAD TO DECIDE IF THEY WANTED TO KEEP THEIR MONEY UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR, OR IF THEY WANTED TO SPEND SOME OF IT NOW. KYLE, JACOB D, AND JACOB N. WERE THE HIGHEST BIDDERS. THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO EARN CLASSROOM MONEY.

VOCABULARY: WE ARE STARTING OUR SECOND VOCABULARY UNIT THIS WEEK. STUDENTS DID A GREAT JOB WITH BI AND DU WORDS. NOW THEY WILL BE WORKING WITH MONO WORDS. THE NEW WORDS ARE ONLINE AND THERE IS A GREAT WEBSITE (QUITLET) FOR STUDYING THE WORDS. HE WILL AGAIN BE USING KAHOOT.IT TO PRACTICE THESE WORDS. ASK YOUR CHILD ABOUT KAHOOT.IT. IT WAS BEEN A BIG HIT IN THE CLASSROOM. THE NEXT VOCABULARY TEST WILL BE NOVEMBER 21.

Dates to Remember

NOV. 18	STUDENT COUNCIL FUN DRESS
NOV. 19	THANKSGIVING FEAST
NOV. 20 & 24	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
NOV. 25	11:20 DISMISSAL
NOV. 26-28	THANKSGIVING BREAK
NOV. 30	ADVENT BEGINS
DEC. 1	START DECORATING FOR DOOR DISPLAY

WRITING: THIS WEEK STUDENTS STARED TYPING THEIR PERSUASIVE ESSAYS ON GOOGLE DRIVE. MR. VAN DYKE TAUGHT THE STUDENTS HOW TO SHARE THEIR DOCUMENTS WITH PARTNERS AND EDIT EACH OTHER'S PAPERS. STUDENTS WILL EVENTUALLY SHARE THEIR PROJECTS WITH ME, AND I WILL EDIT THEM FOR A FINAL ROUND. THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO READ AT CONFERENCES, BUT FEEL FREE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD LOG ON AND SHOW YOU THEIR PROGRESS AS WE GO THROUGH THE WRITING STEPS.