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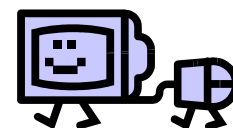
We are into the final stretch of the school year! As students are out with colds or missing days for appointments, etc., be sure that all missing/late work is submitted in a timely manner! Grades still count!

There are quite a few exciting

events during the month of May for our middle schoolers including the Farewell party for our 8th graders. Please make sure to check the side of this newsletter for important dates.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to

contact me. Email seems to be the best way to make sure that I have received your message and ensure a quick response.



May

- 2nd - Fine Arts Night 6-7:30pm
- 13th - Band/Orchestra Concert 7:30-8:30
- 17th - 8th Grade Farewell 6:00-8:30pm

June

- 5th - Awards Ceremony and 8th grade Graduation 6:00pm
- 6th - 7/8 Field Trip
- 7th - Last day of School

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English 7

In English 7 we are currently reading *A Tale of Two Cities*. I am impressed by how observant the 7th grade has been so far regarding the clues laid out by Dickens.

In the world of Spelling, Roots, and Foreign Phrases, we added 5 new spelling words and 6 new Greek and Latin roots to our list. Please

remember that all tests are cumulative! Students should also begin preparing for our "Vocabulary Parade" scheduled for Tuesday, June 4. Students are to choose a Greek or Latin root and create a costume to wear that will successfully define their word visually. Costumes should be inexpensive made up mostly

from items found around the house. Please make sure your student has already starting planning his or her costume.

They should also be preparing for their poetry recital!



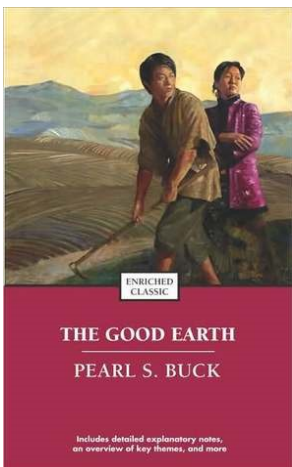
Sonnets

1. *They are written in iambic pentameter.*
2. *They are fourteen lines long.*
3. *They have a set rhyme scheme.*
4. *They have a turn or "volta."*
5. *They all bear the name "sonnet."*

The Charge of the Light Brigade

HALF a league, half a league,
 Half a league onward,
 All in the valley of Death
 Rode the six hundred
 "Forward the Light Brigade!
 Change for the guns!" he said,
 Into the valley of Death
 Rode the six hundred

~Alfred Lord Tennyson



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English 8

We are currently about halfway through *The Good Earth* in English 8. I have been pleasantly surprised by the discussions our class has been having so far. The novel gives us plenty to talk about! Once we finish our novel we have a short story and essay to complete.

In the world of Spelling, Roots, and Foreign Phrases, the stu-

dents have their last 6 Greek and Latin roots. Please remember that all tests are cumulative! Students should also begin preparing for our "Vocabulary Parade" scheduled for Tuesday, June 4. Students are to choose a Greek or Latin root and create a costume to wear that will successfully define their word visually. Costumes should be inexpensive

made up mostly from items found around the house. Please make sure your student has already starting planning his or her costume.

They should also be preparing for the poetry recital at the end of the year!



Logic and Comp. 7

We will be starting our research papers this week! Unlike previous years, this process will be guided through the Writing Rhetoric text and done largely in

class. Students will be given the necessary sources and the topic, but have to choose to write either an Encomium essay or Vituperation! (Ask them what that means!)

This work will encompass all they have learned so far in Logic and Composition. I can't wait to see the results!

Lit and Comp. 8

Students have had a week or so with the sources for their research paper and are now taking notes. We will continue working to compile and organize before we set "pen to

paper" and write a true persuasive essay with the solid, supported thesis!

From the work and progress I've seen in this class so far this year, I am looking forward to

this final composition. Ask your student to see their notes and progress as we finish out this quarter (all on google classroom). You'll be impressed!