

Friday, January 30, 2015

Dear Parents and Students,

Here are the current and upcoming highlights.

- There will be a vocabulary/word skill quiz on Monday, February 2, on *The Amazing Mr. Franklin: or the Boy Who Loves to Read*. The new list for next week is posted and will be handed out on Monday. Remember to study the spellings and meanings. The sentences you wrote can be a helpful tool.
- Students' third term point goals were written in the planners on Thursday, so keep that handy as a reference.
- A poem, *Kate Kissed Me*, was handed out and assigned to practice reading. The main objective for this type of reading is to improve our fluency. Next Friday the students will be required to read (NOT memorize) aloud the poem. I will be listening for an appropriate rate (not too fast/slow), accuracy (ability to read the words without fumbling), and prosody (use of stress, intonation, and pause- AKA reading with feeling). This poem should be practiced each night.
- Report cards were available to view online and/or print last Friday, January 23. If you have not had the opportunity to do this, please do so. Let me know if you have any trouble accessing the report card.
- On Wednesday, Mrs. Granat, one of our district's technology trainers, visited our classroom to introduce us to GAFE (Google Apps for Education). We were each given a Google account to use for future school projects. More information about this district initiative is in a letter from Mrs. Utesch. I have attached it to our weebly homepage.
- We now have FIVE students from our class that have earned AR Principal Club (≥30 points) status. Way to go to Matt, Vinny, Peter, Isaac, and Kate!

Dates to Remember:

- Saturday, February 7, is YMCA Family Night for Riley Hospital.
- Monday, February 9, at 6:30 PM is our next PTO meeting. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.
- Tuesday, Feb. 10, "Jump Rope for Heart" in gym
- NO SCHOOL- Friday, Feb. 13, and Monday, Feb. 16
- Thursday, Feb. 19- School Board Meeting at Cooks 6:00
Shoe's Pizza Night
- Thursday, Feb. 26- Grades 4/5 Math Bowl Competition

Stay warm this weekend!