

Monday, August 30, 2010

Parents,

We've had a great start to the year. The students are fun and energetic and I can tell this is going to be a fun year.

Things to think about at the start of the year:

- Learn to budget your time. Time management is critical as there are a lot more assignments and expectations thrown at you. (Say no to procrastination!)
- Use your agenda to keep up on due dates.
- Come up with a weekly plan to attack your homework/study time.
- Check Power School daily/weekly. Your passwords were sent home via e-mail.
- Be an advocate for yourself and ask questions.

Homework for August 30 – September 4

Outside Reading: Students are expected to read one outside reading book a quarter. There is a list of 100 books on my website that they can choose from. They are all very good books and the goal is to get them to read as many different authors as possible to help them with their own writing styles. It can't be a book they have already read and I'd like them to read from a different author each quarter. When the book is finished they need to write a half page summary of the book and have a parent signature verifying the book was actually read during that particular quarter. This can be turned in any time throughout the quarter.

<p>7th Pre-Algebra: Track 1 (Even #'s) Due Tuesday: Lesson 9 Due Wednesday: Lesson 10 Due Thursday: Lesson 11 Due Friday: Lesson 12</p>

<p>8th Pre-Algebra: Track 2 Due Tuesday: Lesson 7 odds Due Wednesday: Lesson 7 evens Due Thursday: Lesson 8 odds Due Friday: Lesson 8 evens</p>

<p>8th Pre-Algebra : Due Tuesday: 64 odds Due Wednesday: 64 even Due Thursday: 65 odds Due Friday: 65 evens</p>

Harbor Vocab: Students will study from a list of 150 vocabulary words throughout the year. We start with the first ten and progress through the list adding ten new words every two weeks. They need to study the word definitions and the sentences used for understanding word usage. There is a test each Thursday.

Map Study : We are studying/memorizing the countries of Europe. I provide a little time to study in class but not enough to master them. We have a test each week.

Writing : Two 3-point paragraphs due Wednesday. They will revise, type and turn in on Thursday. There will be a Lit. Device quiz on Thursday.

Thanks, have a good week. Craig Dayton