

NEWS FROM MRS. P'S CLASS

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Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year! You are receiving this email because you provided me and/or Shattuck Middle School with your email address. If you are receiving this email in error or wish to be removed from my email list, please contact me at jpeterson@neenah.k12.wi.us.

I am Jen Peterson and I am your 7th or 8th grader's language arts teacher. Last year, I began sending weekly email updates to parents to inform them of class happenings and important class and school dates.

A little bit about me . . .

The 2012 school year began my 14th year of teaching. I grew up in a family of teachers and feel so fortunate to get to work with your middle-schooler every day. My husband works at Merrill Middle School in Oshkosh and we have two little ones—Molly, 4 and Henry, 1½.

What we've been up to . . .

- ❖ In 7th grade—We're wrapping up a short unit on narrative writing where students recently wrote a draft of a short essay on their favorite toy. Next week, we'll be starting a unit on short stories and literary elements. 7th graders also will take periodic spelling quizzes from www.homespellingwords.com
- ❖ In 8th grade—We're wrapping up a unit on short stories and literary terms. Students will take a test on literary terms next week Tuesday (9/25). Late next week, we'll be starting a unit on the novel The Outsiders.
- ❖ Both 7th graders and 8th graders took the DORA (Diagnostic Online Reading Assessment) test yesterday in class. These scores are used to determine student's reading comprehension and help me best select reading selections for your son/daughter.

Coming Up . . .

Next Wednesday at Shattuck, students will take part in an entire day of activities, speakers, and small-group discussion on what it means to be kind.

The KINDNESS campaign has come to Shattuck and it promotes the belief that a little goodwill can go a long way.

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Have a wonderful weekend and thanks for all you do!

Jen Peterson