

# News from Mrs. P's class

## October 1, 2012

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Happy fall! I hope you're all enjoying the nice weather we've had. The students are getting into the swing of the school year and they continue to be entertaining and energetic. Below I have indicated what we've been covering in class. I've also included a discussion topic for you to ask your son/daughter about. My little girl just started pre-school and she LOVES sharing what she did each day in school. I know this is NOT how middle schoolers operate, so I thought this would be an interesting way to get your middle schooler to talk (and in case you need a topic to liven up your dinner conversation ☺)

What we've been up to . . .

- ❖ In 7<sup>th</sup> grade—Students took their second spelling quiz last Friday (9/28) and we are in the midst of a short story unit. Seventh graders will be in the computer lab Tuesday (10/2) typing up a revised narrative on their favorite toy. DINNER DISCUSSION topic: Moms and Dads--What was your favorite toy growing up?
- ❖ In 8<sup>th</sup> grade—Last week, students took a test on literary elements and short stories on Tuesday. These grades are reflected in Infinite Campus. We currently are starting to read the classic novel The Outsiders. DINNER DISCUSSION topic: How many moms and dads remember reading The Outsiders as teenagers?
- ❖ Both 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 8<sup>th</sup> graders experienced a day of KINDness last Wednesday with speakers and group activities. Be sure to ask your son/daughter what he/she learned from the experience.

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Have a wonderful week and thanks for all you do!  
Jen Peterson