

News from Mrs. P's class

January 3, 2013

- ❖ Happy 2013! Hope your children enjoyed some much needed time off and that you and your families enjoyed some special time together over the long break. There were a lot of new outfits, new haircuts, and I swear that several of my students grew about a foot over the winter holiday. I, for one, did not grow, but am holding out that I will hit a growth spurt in my 35th year and finally, finally pass up some very tall 7th and 8th graders ☺

What we've been up to . . .

- ❖ **In 7th grade**—This week, we started a short grammar unit on usage. These are the types of very common errors like using “your” instead of “you’re”, “its” instead of “it’s”, etc. So, I apologize ahead of time if your son/daughter starts correcting your grammar at the dinner table. Students will take a short grammar quiz on this unit on Monday (1/7). Next week, we’ll start a vocabulary unit on using context clues.
- ❖ **In 8th grade**—Students are wrapping up reading the novella Flowers for Algernon and will review for **next Tuesday's test** the next two days in class. Students will also have a study guide due the day of the test (1/8) which they can use on the test. Next week and the following week, we'll be working on a persuasive writing unit.
- ❖ **Looking ahead . . . the end of Semester 1 is Friday, January 18.**
Students will have a noon dismissal on this day.

So, I heard something about a Packer game of some sort this weekend? ☺ I'm looking forward to a little redemption after last week's game. Go Pack Go!

Have a great weekend and thanks for all you do,
Jen Peterson