

News from Mrs. P's class

January 20, 2013

- ❖ Hope you enjoyed your weekend! Tomorrow marks the start of second semester.

What we've been up to . . .

- ❖ **In 7th grade**—Last week, we wrapped up a vocabulary unit on using context clues. Students turned in a homework packet and took a quiz on Wednesday. These two scores will be the first two scores of Quarter 3. On Friday we began reading a novel as a class. Nothing but the Truth by Avi tells the story of a freshman who is punished for breaking a rule in school. The story shows how stories get slanted and how things aren't always what they seem. Students will receive a schedule tomorrow (1/21) of this unit. Additionally, I will post this schedule and other upcoming class events on my Edmodo page.
- ❖ **In 8th grade**—Last week, we discussed the case study entitled “The Twin Problem.” Here, students took on the role of a surgeon making a life and death decision and were required to write a persuasive letter outlining their decision. Students will return to the computer lab on Tuesday (1/22) and their letters will be due by the end of the day on Tuesday. Later this week, students will start a grammar unit on agreement. Here, they will learn about the types of errors like “The student left ~~their~~ his/her book in my classroom.”

Stay warm this week! I am very much an indoor cat, so anytime I hear “high of -1” as a forecast, I generally stop listening. Oh well, spring will be here in no time (and by that I mean certainly no more than three months from now). ☺

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