

# News from Mrs. P's class

## February 18, 2013

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- ❖ Both my 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are well into the swing of their respective research paper units. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders started about a week earlier than the 7<sup>th</sup> graders and since they had experience last year with collecting research and using NoodleTools to organize their notecards, they are about halfway through the process. My 7<sup>th</sup> graders just started this unit last week, but have been introduced to Kid's Search and have already created their source cards which will be used on their final product.

Important due dates . . .

- ❖ **In 7<sup>th</sup> grade**—The seventh graders will continue to collect research this week and will learn how to paraphrase and make notecards. Next week, we'll talk more about refuting opposing arguments and will introduce their culminating research project.
- ❖ **In 8<sup>th</sup> grade**—This week, students are continuing to collect research and organize their notecards. They will have a notecard check at four different points throughout this process. Next week, students will be typing their research papers and will have the opportunity for a peer to revise their papers. The final paper will be due by the end of the day next week Thursday (2/28) which is a NOON DISMISSAL (see note below).

\*\*We had a great turnout for our annual Valentine's Day dance last Friday. I saw a lot of your middle schoolers looking very fancy—I had a great time chaperoning!

\*\*One other very important reminder . . . next week will be Parent-Teacher conferences and students will have no school on Friday, March 1. Conferences will be held on Thursday (2/28) from 12:45 until 8:00 p.m. in the O.J. gym and again on Friday (3/1) morning from 7:45-11:45 a.m. Hope to see you there! If you are unable to attend, certainly feel free to contact me via email to get an update on your son/daughter's progress.

Have a great week! Thanks again for all you do,  
Jen Peterson