

# News from Mrs. P's class

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- ❖ “Mama . . . I am sick of the snow. I don't like snow, cold weather, or monsters. I do like unicorns, rainbows, and sparkly things.” – Molly, my four year old. I think she has pretty much hit the nail on the head with this one. I hope you and your middle schooler enjoyed the weekend and enjoy a nice week that I have heard might see temperatures in the high 40s. Yippee!!

What we've been up to . . .

- ❖ **In 7<sup>th</sup> grade**—Students shared their Keynote presentations on their research projects over the last week and a half. They were excellent! As nervous as I'm sure many students were by the prospect of speaking in front of their classmates, they were poised, well-prepared, and the presentations themselves were very interesting. Student topics varied from plastic surgery to animal testing to ticket scalping to video games. All in all, they did a great job. When we return after Spring Break, we will be spending our time discussing non-fiction and in particular, non-fiction text structures.

- ❖ **In 8<sup>th</sup> grade**—Over the last two weeks, we've discussed the Holocaust. In recent days, we've discussed remaining silent when others are oppressed and talked about how history tends to repeat itself. After Break, we'll be starting our unit on The Diary of Anne Frank, which historically students have really enjoyed. They also have the opportunity to earn a little extra credit to start off 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter by reading, viewing, or researching anything related to the Holocaust.

**\*\* A few important dates coming up after Spring Break . . .**

- April 2: Classes resume
- April 3: Classroom Guidance—8<sup>th</sup> grade
- April 12: Dodgeball Tournament 3:30-7:00
- April 17: Noon dismissal

I feel like spring is in the air—the Brewers' opening day is in less than a week, we are in the home stretch of the school year, and at some point the snow we have has to melt.

I hope your 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grader has a relaxing Spring Break and thanks again for all you do,

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