

News from Mrs. P's class

April 5, 2013

- ❖ Many students came back on Tuesday looking tanned, refreshed, and hopefully ready for the final push of the school year. Tuesday marked the start of our final quarter of the year. That sure went quickly!

What we've been up to . . .

- ❖ **In 7th grade**—This week, we began discussing non-fiction text structures. The idea is that all non-fiction writing is organized in some general formats; for example, compare/contrast, chronological, sequence, cause/effect, etc. By recognizing how text is organized, students can better comprehend the writing and do a better job organizing their thoughts in non-fiction writing. Next week, we'll be working on chronological and sequence writing and the following week, we'll begin a unit on descriptive writing where we will return to the library to collect/organize research on a self-selected topic.
- ❖ **In 8th grade**—We'll be finishing up our background on the Holocaust this week and starting to learn about The Diary of Anne Frank. Last week, students had a classroom guidance lesson where they mapped out career clusters and how that effects class selections the next four years at Neenah High School. Next week Thursday (4/11), 8th grade students will be heading to Player's Choice in Appleton to participate in a Career Fair sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce where they'll be able to meet professionals working in a number of different fields.

** Don't forget about the Dodgeball Tournament coming up this Friday from 3:30-7:00. Also, the following week (April 15-19) will be Literacy Week. This week will be filled with fun literacy-centered activities, dress-up days, and guest readers. Wednesday, April 17th will be a noon dismissal and on this day, all Shattuck students will take part in literacy activities.

Thanks again for all you do,

Jen Peterson