

News from Mrs. P's class

April 13, 2013

- ❖ Shattuck Middle School had another successful Dodgeball tournament on Friday after school—I saw lots of my students taking part in this wonderful fundraiser.

What we've been up to . . .

- ❖ **In 7th grade**—Last week, we discussed two particular non-fiction text structures: sequence and compare/contrast. Students, in groups, wrote the steps of a process for their classmates to put in order. We saw everything from how to make macaroni and cheese to how to survive a zombie apocalypse. 😊 This week, they'll finish up a lesson on chronological writing by creating a timeline to outline important events in their life. They will be taking a quiz on non-fiction text structures on Thursday (4/18).
- ❖ **In 8th grade**—We finished up discussing the Holocaust last week and students will be taking a quiz on this material Monday (4/15). Starting next week, we'll be learning about Anne Frank and beginning to read the play version of The Diary of Anne Frank. Historically, the Holocaust unit and Anne Frank in particular is one of the more popular that we've covered. My 8th graders this year have shown a great amount of maturity as we've covered the history of the Holocaust.

** Coming up . . . this week is Shattuck's literacy week. There will be dress up days, guest readers, and special activities and contests all week. Wednesday (4/17) is a noon dismissal and students will be participating in different literacy activities in each class period.

My two little ones love to read and be read to. This begs a great question: What is your favorite story that you read to your middle schooler when he/she was a sweet little one? I'll share the answers next week 😊

Here's a picture of my little guy "reading" to our dog (or using him as a pillow).



Thanks again for all you do,

Jen Peterson