

News from Mrs. P's class

May 3, 2013

- ❖ Well Spring was here (for a few days at least). I just shared with Mrs. Phernetton how proud I am of my students; I know that Spring fever makes it tough to focus, but they've been surprisingly attentive and well-behaved. I wish I could say the same for the teachers ☺

What we've been up to . . .

- ❖ **In 7th grade**—This week, we've been in the library collecting research for an informative research project. Students selected any topic that they were interested in, and I can't wait to learn more about their topics. I have students researching the Bermuda triangle, secret societies, Alcatraz, Greek mythology, and guitars just to name a few. As students wind down their research, they'll be creating a newsletter to share what they learned. I'm already impressed by what they've come up with!
- ❖ **In 8th grade**—We finished reading The Diary of Anne Frank this week and students will be taking the final test on the play on Monday (5/6). They will be able to use their study guide on the test. Today, I gave them a list of Holocaust novels to select from to read independently. They'll receive their book on Monday and I think they'll really enjoy reading these titles—they've shown so much maturity over the course of this unit and seem to really be interested in learning about the Holocaust.
- ❖ **Coming up . . .**
 - Wednesday, May 15 is a noon dismissal.
 - Friday, May 31 is the 8th grade dance @ 6:30

Have a wonderful weekend and thanks again for all you do,

Jen Peterson