

News from Mrs. P's class

October 19, 2012

Happy Friday! This week, Shattuck students celebrated Teen Read Week. I saw a lot of creative outfits, hats, and costumes (that's right, we had some kids go all out!) during each dress up day. During each class period on Wednesday, students participated in various reading and writing activities. During one of my 8th grade classes, students did a retelling of Dr. Seuss's *Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?* and one of my 7th grade classes wrote different "chapters" of their classmates' life stories.

What we've been up to . . .

- ❖ In 7th grade—This week, we read several short stories from the students' literature textbook. **Next week TUESDAY (10/23), students will take a short story test** where they'll need to identify the elements of short stories and how they are used in an example story. We'll be reviewing as a class on both Friday (10/19) and Monday (10/22). Students will also take a spelling quiz next week Friday (10/26). This will be the last spelling quiz of the quarter (there were four in total). **Students will have the opportunity to retake any of the previous spelling quizzes to improve their grades before the end of the quarter.
- ❖ In 8th grade—We are wrapping up reading The Outsiders and next week, students will take the **final test on the book on TUESDAY (10/23)**. They will be able to use their study guides on the test and these study guides will be due that day as well. They also will be working on a **characterization project due next FRIDAY (10/26)**.
- ❖ Looking ahead . . . first quarter ends on **Friday, November 2nd** and students will have a **12:00 dismissal**.

It was a pleasure meeting many of you last week at our Parent/Teacher conferences. If you were unable to make it and have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a wonderful weekend and thanks for all you do!

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