

January 2, 2017

Hello Everyone,

It seems like months instead of weeks since I have written to you all. I hope you all had very wonderful and joyful winter holidays. I am so very happy that we will be back at school tomorrow. I have missed all my students a great deal. Thank you so much for all of you who have been so helpful and given gifts to benefit our class, our library, and our pets.

This week we will be working on organization and reviewing our goals and ways to achieve them. We will also be setting the timetable and guidelines for the upcoming research project. Students will be a big part of determining these deadlines, so once they are finalized I will send you copies as well as giving them to the students.

We will also work on test taking techniques for those students who need to improve their skills taking a standardized test. The six seventh and eighth graders will be taking the PSAT for 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grades on Wednesday, January 11 at 8:30. The test will be given at the Unity Point School and is required for Carbondale Community High School (CCHS). I will get you more details when I hear more from CCHS this week. I need drivers to take the students over and pick them up.

In January, we get a huge amount of school work done because there are fewer interruptions, so I will have a lot of information coming your way over the course of the next few weeks. Please be sure to check your email for more news.

Problem of the Week and Graded Work Folders will be going home starting next Monday, January 9 and must be turned in the morning of Friday, January 13.

The next school board meeting is on Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. for those of you who wish to attend. Remember that Friday, January 13 is a noon dismissal with childcare available. There is no school on Monday, January 16.

Best wishes,

Carla

Wish List:

Gift Cards: Barnes & Noble, Petco, Walmart for the pets and library.