

March 23, 2018

I think that we are finally back in the swing of things in class. Layni and Nolan have joined our class for the remainder of the year and we are hoping they will return next year. They have been a great addition to our group. Most of the class has made great progress on their research papers for their project. Everyone has worked incredibly hard the last few days and have been very good about helping their classmates with their work.

The students each chose two words that they use that they have trouble spelling for our vocabulary list and that is attached, so you will all have a copy. Next week the corrected first draft of the research paper is due to me so I can go over them and have them back to the students by Wednesday, so they can get started on the second draft. We will also be working on the bibliography and inserting parenthetical citations in our text.

We will also go over our parts for the whacky Wednesday presentation of our version of ancient Greece for the younger children. We will be working on that over the next week to have it ready by April 4. We will also be working on all our usual work as well and getting ready for conferences in April. Remember that next week is a short week as there is no school on Friday. It will be a long weekend, so kids can work on their research projects if they get bored.

Since we had to take snow days, the school board voted last night that the last day of school would be Friday, May 25. This will be a 10:30 dismissal without childcare and our annual field day. Graduation will be the night before. More details will be coming from the office when we know details.

Best wishes,

Carla

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 30: No School

Monday, April 2: No School

Thursday, April 5: Corporation Meeting at 6:00 p.m. (Pot Luck at 5:30)

Monday, April 9: Peer Editing of Second Draft of Paper

Tuesday, April 10: Second Draft due to Carla

Thursday, April 12: Student-led Conferences

Friday, April 13: Student-led Conferences

Saturday, April 21: Locally Grown

Vocabulary Words for the Week of March 26, 2018

1. **indict:** formally accuse of or charge with a serious crime (verb) (Avree)
2. **millennium:** an anniversary of a thousand years (noun) (Avree)
3. **Mississippi:** a state in the United States (noun) (Ellie)
4. **rhythm:** a movement or procedure with uniform or patterned recurrence of a beat, accent, or the like (noun) (Ellie)
5. **guarantee:** a formal promise or assurance that certain conditions will be fulfilled (noun) (Timothy)
6. **restauranteur:** a person who owns or manages a restaurant (noun) (Timothy)
7. **beautiful:** pretty (adjective) (Ellie)
8. **scavenge:** to hunt and collect (verb) (Ellie)
9. **conscience:** an inner feeling or voice viewed as acting as a guide to the rightness or wrongness of one's behavior (noun) (Gabrielle)
10. **embarrassment:** a feeling of self-consciousness, shame or awkwardness. Also a person or thing causing embarrassment (noun) (Gabrielle)
11. **exaggeration:** something enlarged beyond the bounds of truth (noun) (Bo)

12. **extension:** an enlargement in scope or operation (noun) (Bo)

13. **octopus:** a cephalopod mollusk that has eight muscular arms equipped with two rows of suckers (noun) (Gavyn)

14. **dictionary:** a reference book containing words usually arranged alphabetically arranged along with information such as meanings, pronunciations etc. (noun) (Gavyn)

15. **hippopotamus:** a large thick-skinned, semi-aquatic African mammal with massive jaws and large muscles

16. **cactus:** a succulent plant with a thick, fleshy stem that typically bears spines, lacks leaves, and has brilliantly colored flowers (noun) (Kloey).

17. **liability:** the quality or state of being liable or responsible (noun) (Layni)

18. **absurd:** ridiculously unreasonable, unsound, of incongruous (adjective) (Layni)

19. **castle:** a large fortified building or set of buildings (noun) (Nolan)

20. **pencil:** an implement for writing, drawing, or marking, consisting of a slender cylinder surrounding a marking substance. (noun) (Nolan)