

1 February 2019

Dear Upper School family and friends,

This has been a week of lots of absences with fevers, headaches, sore throats, etc. I am sincerely hoping for a week with all the kids well next week and weather they can go outside in to run off some energy. Next week is another full week so students will have graded work folders and P.O.W.s again that will be due next Friday, February 8. Hopefully I will get the ones in from this week today. Be sure to ask your student about their work.

Just so you know, I will be gone next Wednesday (2/6/19) and Friday (2/8/19). Students will not be able to come in until the Before-School staff arrives at about 7:30 since I have early morning appointments out of town. I also cannot accomplish as much when I have to drive over to Carbondale and not leave the school until around 10:00. I tend to get the most work done early in the morning especially when I am writing narratives for the student progress reports.

This coming week and the week after are the final two weeks of this grading period. Students need to turn all their work in so that their grades can be accurately computed.

In science we have been studying forces. Students did great on the test on friction and I hope the gravity quiz turns out as well. In social studies we are still studying ancient Japan. We have finished *Squirm* by Carl Hiaasen and are now reading *Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly.

In math the seventh graders are working on proportionate relationships, so they are covering some of the concepts that the eighth graders have been mastering. Fifth graders will start a new unit on decimals this coming week and fourth grade students will move to a new unit for more advanced multiplication. The three sixth graders are all at different places due to the sickness going around but are working on decimals.

Remember the students' country reports will be presented the morning of February 14 in lieu of a Valentine's Day party. The kids should have been working on these projects during their nightly Reading, Writing, and Research time.

A couple of reminders:

1. If there is no school, it will be listed on the channels noted in the handbook. If it isn't there, then we are in session.

2. Everyone must pull into a parking space and park when picking up or dropping off students.

3. Please make sure your student has the needed supplies to complete all their work. Pens and pencils do not last for the whole school year.

I have attached this week's list of vocabulary and definitions and have also listed upcoming events through the end of February.

Best wishes,

Carla

Dates to Remember

February 6: All School Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

February 7: Fund Raising Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

February 14: Country Reports; Noon Dismissal with Childcare

February 14: Valentine Dance

February 15: No School and No Childcare; End of the Grading Period

February 18: Holiday with No School and No Childcare

February 20: Freshman Orientation for CCHS

February 28: School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Wish List: Poster Board

VOCABULARY FOR THE WEEK OF February 4-8, 2019

1. **maintain:** to keep in existence or continuance; preserve; retain:(verb)
2. **vicious:** dangerously aggressive: savage (adjective)
3. **prominent:** standing out so as to be seen easily; conspicuous (adjective)
4. **corporate:** formed into an association and endowed by law with the rights and liabilities of an individual (adjective)
5. **executive:** a person or group of persons having administrative or supervisory authority in an organization. (noun, singular)
6. **generous:** liberal in giving or sharing; unselfish (adjective)
7. **philanthropist:** someone who donates his or her time, money, and/or reputation to a charitable cause (noun, singular)
8. **reputation:** the estimation in which a person or thing is held, especially by the community or the public generally (noun, singular)
9. **jaguar:** (*Panthera onca*) is a wild cat species and the only extant member of the genus *Panthera* native to the Americas (noun, singular)
10. **regret:** to feel sorrow or remorse for an act, fault, disappointment, etc.(verb)
11. **hurdle:** a problem that you have to deal with (noun, singular)

12. **anvil**: a metalworking tool consisting of a large block of metal with a flattened top surface, upon which another object is struck or "worked" (noun, singular)

13. **bide**: to wait for (verb)

14. **chisel**: to cut, shape, or fashion by as if by carving with a wedgelike tool with the same name that has a cutting edge at the end of the blade (verb)

15. **nightmare**: a terrifying dream in which the dreamer experiences feelings of helplessness, extreme anxiety, sorrow, etc. (noun, singular)

16. **overbearing**: domineering; dictatorial; haughtily or rudely arrogant (adjective)

17. **overprotective**: unduly careful and cautious (adjective)

18. **maneuver**: to change the position of (verb)

19. **clementine**: a small, sweet variety of tangerine with orange-red skin (noun, singular)

20. **second sight**: the faculty of seeing future events; clairvoyance. (noun, singular)

Words 1-9 are from *Squirm* by Carl Hiaasen and words 10-20 are from *Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly.