

Classroom News



October 10, 2008

Dear Parents,

Here are a few reminders as we head into a busy time of year.

- There is no school on Monday, October 13, as we will observe Columbus Day.
- The OLA Book Fair will be next week. 7th grade students will browse on Tuesday and then **shop on Wednesday**.
- 7th and 8th grades will be on retreat at St. Leo's on Thursday, Oct. 16. There are still a few students who have not turned in their permission slips and lunch money for the retreat. Please return them promptly.
- **ITBS** testing will take place the week of October 20-24. It is important that your child get plenty of sleep and eat a nourishing breakfast so they can focus on the test.

ILA 7--- We have completed some pre-reading activities before beginning The Miracle Worker. We will spend the next few weeks enjoying this story about Helen Keller and her "miracle worker," Annie Sullivan.

History 7 --- We are studying the Industrial Revolution in America in the late 1800s. Your child has been "invited" to the Centennial Exposition and is asked to bring an "invention" along. This should be a small idea that might help them out with a chore at home or school work. It should not be expensive, dangerous or too large. We will also use the computer lab to research a specific inventor and his advancement towards society.

ILA 8--- We will begin our unit on poetry and the use of figurative language to enhance our writing. We will write a "historical" poem as well as other forms of poetry. We will also read and recite a variety of poems by famous poets.

Geography--- We will complete our trip to Canada on Wednesday with a test. Mexico is our next destination during our trip around the world. **Current Events are due November 6.**

Have a terrific week.
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