

What's Happening on Team 7

20 Week Report Card

February 5th, 2010



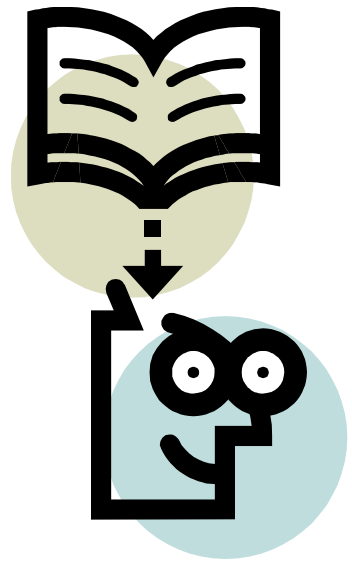
CMS was recently name New York State's School of Character for the 2010-2011 school year.

This is an incredible honor for our school and we are very proud of everyone who helps to make our school stand out in this way.

Mrs. Debye-Saxinger—ELA

In 7th grade language arts, students have written mini mysteries. They are reading mystery novels and will complete a book report project after completion.

We are finishing our mystery unit and have read [The Hound of the Baskervilles](#) in class. We are looking forward to our mystery play on Friday, **February 5th** at the NYSTI, Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*. On February 2nd, we will welcome Mr. Factor, our Bard College Intern back to class and we will begin reading [The Giver](#).



Mr. Borgen—Science

At the present time we are finishing our unit on the cell. This dealt with the historical aspect, cell theory and the physical makeup of the plant and animal cell. Our next unit will be DNA, mitosis and meiosis. Through lab activities students will study the steps involved in cell division.

Evaluation will be based on quiz scores, homework assignments and lab reports. Students should be reminded to keep an organized notebook.



REMINDER:

The 15th Annual CMS Science Fair will be held **March 17, 2010**.

Please encourage your child to participate.

Mrs. Thorsen — Special Education

Miss Keegan — Social Studies



In Social Studies we are studying the American Independence

Movement and the Revolutionary War. This unit is giving us a great opportunity to think outside the box and critically examine the

motives for the Movement for

Independence. It is thrilling to see the classes question historical events in this way.

Students should be writing down all assignments in agenda books.

Students in Mrs. Thorsen's Reading/Language Arts class just

completed their first independent book project. Overall, each student did very well and put a lot of effort into the projects. They are displayed in the Middle School Library. In addition, students completed Workshop 2 in the READ 180 curriculum. The topic that was introduced and reviewed was Natural Disasters. The skill was sequencing.

Students in Mrs. Thorsen's Math class have been diligently learning about integers and more recently, geometry. Each student has identified and calculated the volume and surface area of geometric shapes.

Ms. Sager—Math

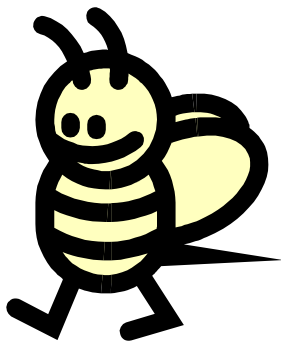
In seventh grade math we just completed a

webquest activity that began after winter break. This problem solving activity gave

students the chance to explore five different

national parks and then they created charts and graphs based on the data they found. We are currently working through our graphing unit

before we move onto probability and algebra.



OUR ANNUAL
SPELLING BEE
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2ND. THE
SNOW DATE
FOR THIS

EVENT WILL BE FEBRUARY
4TH.

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Come see what is happening at our school! Find out what your child has been doing in their classes this year.

In Accelerated Math, we finished our graphing and probability units and are now working on conversions using both the metric and customary systems. Once this is completed, we will be

moving on to rates and ratios and then a large unit on algebra, which includes working with polynomials and solving multi-step equations and inequalities.

