

11 January 2019

Dear Upper School family and friends,

It was another really busy week here in our classroom. Work folders will go out again Monday to be returned by Friday. A new Problem of the Week is also ready although a few students didn't turn in last week's problem as yet. We are still having some issues with late work. Please help emphasize with your student how important it is to complete and promptly turn in all work. A lot of times they finish it but forget to turn it in.

We are finishing the chapter in science on speed and motion. Students will have a test on this chapter on Friday. We will continue to work in small groups in math, science and social studies.

Everyone seems to be enjoying our read aloud book and we haven't even gotten to the exciting part as yet. We will continue our study of feudal Japan in social studies again this week and students will continue to research their country for their introduction to research country report.

A reminder about dropping off or picking up children. Everyone must pull into a parking space when dropping off or picking up. It is not safe to just stop in the middle of the parking lot to let people out.

Spelling City will be back starting on January 22. This week's vocabulary words are from our read aloud book, *Squirm*. For those of you who were not aware, the study hall after school has been discontinued due to lack of students. I will be letting the students use the Monday afternoon time from 1:00 to 2:00 for additional work and assistance for the month of January. Students have plenty of time to get their work finished at school, but they have to actually use their time to work.

I have attached this week's list of vocabulary and definitions and also have upcoming schedules listed.

Best wishes,

Carla

Dates to Remember

January 15: Ms. Liz's Birthday

January 18: Noon Dismissal with Childcare; Teachers' Meeting

January 21: Holiday-No School; No Childcare

January 23: All School Meeting

January 24: School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

January 30: NAEP Testing for Eighth Grade Students

***Wish List:** College-ruled Notebook Filler Paper*

VOCABULARY FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14-18, 2019

1. **Florida:** the southernmost contiguous state in the United States. (noun, singular)
2. **January:** the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and the first of seven months to have a length of 31 days. (noun, singular)
3. **February:** the second and shortest month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendar with 28 days in common years and 29 days in leap years, (noun, singular)
4. **Montana:** a state in the northwestern United States (noun, singular)
5. **grizzly:** a bear (*Ursus arctos* ssp.) is a large population of the brown bear inhabiting North America. (noun, singular)
6. **surveillance:** a watch kept over a person, group, etc., especially over a suspect, prisoner, or the like (noun, singular)
7. **government:** the system or group of people governing an organized community, (noun, singular)
8. **sarcastic:** humor that mocks or ridicules, usually by saying the opposite of what is actually meant. (adjective)
9. **obstacle:** something that impedes progress or achievement (noun, singular)
10. **antelope:** a deer-like mammal found in Africa, Asia and parts of the Americas. (noun, singular)
11. **petrified:** to convert into stone or a stony substance; to be numb or paralyze with astonishment, horror, or other strong emotion: (verb, past tense)

12. **rattlesnake:** any of 33 species of venomous New World vipers characterized by a segmented rattle at the tip of the tail that produces a buzzing sound when vibrated (noun, singular)

13. **venomous:** producing venom in a specialized gland and capable of inflicting injury or death. (adjective)

14. **horizon:** The **horizon** or **skyline** is the apparent line that separates earth from sky, the line that divides all visible directions into two categories: those that intersect the Earth's surface, and those that do not. (noun, singular)

15. **porcupine:** rodents with a coat of sharp spines, or quills, that protect against predators (noun, singular)

16. **tumbleweed:** any of various plants, as *Amaranthus albus*, *A. graecizans*, or the Russian thistle, *Salsola kali*, whose branching upper parts become detached from the roots and are driven about by the wind. (noun, singular)

17. **noise:** unwanted sound judged to be unpleasant, loud or disruptive to hearing (noun, singular)

18. **unconscious:** without awareness, sensation, or cognition; not perceived at the level of awareness; occurring below the level of conscious thought:

(adjective)

19. **obnoxious:** highly objectionable or offensive; odious; annoying or objectionable due to being a showoff or attracting undue attention to oneself (adjective)

20. **tourist:** a person who is traveling, especially for pleasure. (noun, singular)