

November 9, 2009

Dear Families,

Thank you for coming to the family conferences. I truly enjoyed visiting with all of you.



I need to explain to all of you that I am scheduled for surgery next Monday, November 16. After several consultations, I've decided that I can not put this off: its neck surgery involving the fusing of two cervical vertebrae (oh to be young again!). Unfortunately, I will not be released to work for several weeks. My plan is to return to Room 13 on January 4, 2010. I'm leaving the class in the competent care of Miss Lawrence and Miss Pirtle.

Here are some items of interest for you:

- This next week we will assign homework for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; Wednesday is a legal holiday (Veterans Day) and school will not be in session.
- We are sending home our first set of book orders. Orders are due back on Friday, November 20.
- Our new goal for AR points for this trimester is 15.
- Our new goal for Writer's Workshop stories is 5.
- Blue folders will go home today, to be returned tomorrow.
- This week in literature we will read a new story called "The Boss of the Plains." Students will have a vocabulary list to study for a quiz on Thursday.
- In math we will begin studying multiplying with regrouping. Thursday night's homework will involve regrouping.
- Social studies and science will resume next week.
- This week we will be carving our soap ships. A letter went home on Thursday explaining the project, the required materials and asking for help. We'll be carving the ships on Tuesday and Thursday, November 10 and 12 starting @ 1:00. Please let me know if you would like to help!

If you have questions, please call or e-mail. Thank you, Mr. Banfield  
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