

Mrs. Matthews' Science Homework
Week of Dec. 15, 2008

Monday, Dec. 8

Students will be taking a 7th grade reading and writing assessment in the morning. This is a pre-assessment which means we want to see what our students know. As I mentioned to many of you during report card conferences in October, all 7th grade teachers are targeting non-fiction reading and persuasive writing this year as these appear to be the biggest language deficits of most of our students.

Because we will not be having regular class meetings, students will have an extra day to get the results of their PTC activity. Also, those students who have the extra credit opportunity will likewise have until Tuesday to turn it in.

Spelling pretest for Tuesday test. Parents, your signature in the agenda is the only way I know your child had a pretest. Please sign agendas daily.

February	heredity
trait	inherit
acquire	chromosome
gene	meiosis
dominant	recessive

Tuesday, Dec. 16

We continue our unit on heredity.

Students are to again survey blood relatives to find who is right-handed and left-handed in their families. Results should be written in their journals.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Students will do a current events activity in science (this is non-fiction reading and gives the students an opportunity to work on the goals mentioned above).

Spelling words will not be given today, but will return the Wednesday students return from the holidays. There will not be a spelling test on the Tuesday students return.

Homework: Correct misspelled words on spelling test 10x each and get front of test signed.

Thursday, Dec. 18

No homework, but there will be a mini-quiz on chromosomes, genes, and DNA on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Friday, Dec. 19

Work on an Internet activity in class today.

Grades close today. Report cards will go home when students return after the holidays.

I hope you have a very happy holiday season and many blessings in the new year.