

News from Mrs. Savage

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Dear Parents:

Christmas greetings to you all!

I hope this letter finds you all doing well. Are we ready for Christmas?

It seems to always creep up on us very quickly.

Thank you to the parents who met with me for report card conferences. It was nice chatting with you, even if it was via ZOOM.

Here's what's happening:

ELA - THE MYSTERY HAS BEEN SOLVED!!! The kids thoroughly enjoyed *FRAMED* by James Ponti. Keep in mind, if your child enjoyed this novel, he has two more books in this series entitled *Vanished* and *Trapped*. They'd make great stocking stuffers!! The students are now working on a character essay about the main character Florian Bates. I have reviewed clear directions with the students. Provided a graphic organizer, and a list of character traits to help them along. As we read this novel, students **SHOULD HAVE** been keeping track of the events of the novel in their binders. I provided all of the students with note taking/annotation sheets to assist them and keep them organized. This is a great time to touch base with your child. Go through their binders with them. Were they following directions all through this process? Are all of their chapter target sheets organized? If so, then writing this essay shouldn't be an uphill task for them. If not, then that's a different conversation to have with them. I've reiterated this to them more times than I care to admit.

SS - We have just completed our unit on Paleolithic and Neolithic Eras, and the students are taking an assessment on Monday, 12/20. They will also be writing an essay comparing and contrasting these two historical periods. Clear directions and guides are provided and the students have more than enough resources to reference. We even spent time in class filling out a graphic organizer "Nomad to Farmer" where the students list the various pieces of evidence for each category in these periods.

Religion (6-1) - We are continuing our scripture readings from the Jesse Tree and have been working on our Advent Scripture Book. The students will also be buddying up with class K-1 to work on a Christmas activity together.

Reminder!!! Please remember that all assessments or assignments may not be sent home as a hard copy. PLEASE communicate with your child, as many of these tasks are on Google forms, and they have been returned to the students. All students have access to all the forms they've submitted, and can share them with you.

*Desks need to be cleaned out by Wednesday 12/22. Please send your child to school with a sturdy bag for their belongings.

I wish you all the best this Christmas season and a 2022 filled with good health, and happy times. Enjoy your family and the time off!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Savage