



ROOM 36 NEWS

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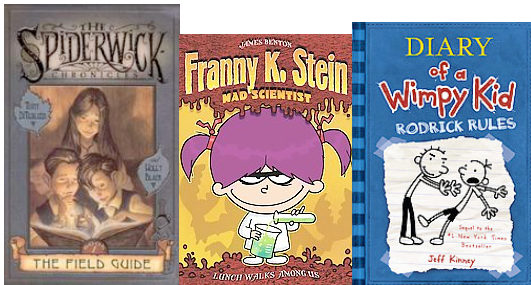
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Missing Books

As you may have read on our class website, many of our classroom books have gone missing. Some of the more obvious books are those that are part of a series. Below are the covers from some of those books. Please take a look around your home and return any books that have a “Ms. York” stamp on the inside covers! Thank you so much!



DonorsChoose

Oh, I love DonorsChoose! Since the start of the year, thanks to gracious donors, we have received a class set of dictionaries, art books, clipboards, headphones, and language arts board games! Cheers to the what the new year could bring!

Winter Break

Winter Break will take place from **December 22nd through January 2nd**! Have a wonderful holiday season! We also have a minimum day on Friday, **December 19th**.



Study Reminders

At this juncture, there are a variety of ways to ensure that your student is academically successful. The following are chosen due to their whole-class nature.

1) **Social Studies Review:** Our social studies chapter notebooks are an essential guide to practice social studies concepts. We add all vocabulary words and their definitions, as well as thorough notes in the “Guideline Notes” section at the end of our books. Remind your student to use this book to review concepts and help with the “Lesson Reviews” that are typically sent home as homework.

2) **Multiplication Facts:** Use the flash cards that were provided at the start of the year and practice them nightly. During the second trimester, we will be working on area ($A = l \times w$), double-digit multiplication, prime numbers, long division, equivalent decimals, and a review of mathematical equals ($8 \times ? = 6 \times 4 \times 8$). All of the above require accurate multiplication facts.

3) **Spelling Words:** Although the students are doing a fine job on their spelling tests, many still have difficulty remembering the meaning of the words on their weekly list. This makes much of the spelling homework more difficult. Please make sure that your child is using the dictionaries that were donated at sent home earlier this year.

4) **Dictionary Skills:** Also relevant to the dictionaries sent home is the proper use of guide words and alphabetical order. Many students still struggle with putting words (and numbers) in their proper order. This is a simple skill you can review with your child.