

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

11/21/16 – 12/2/16

### CLASS UPDATES

**SUCSESSES:** Some really good book discussions have been happening in our literature circle groups.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH:** This is a repeated theme this year, but many students are not taking care of our classroom environment. They are leaving their desk and cubbie areas a mess. On Friday morning, I through away an old lunch bag that was housing a colony of fruit flies. Gross!

On an even more serious note, on Thursday one of the boys jokingly said the word retard to another student. I was over at my desk and didn't see who said it and no one would admit to it. Please review with children why it is never acceptable to use this word. It is a derogatory term used to harass and bully people with disabilities, which is never acceptable.!

**Field Trip Drivers Needed:** We still need drivers for 8 students for our field trip to the play at Santa Ynez High School on December 1. This is the Thursday after Thanksgiving Break. Please email Miss Lee ASAP if you are available to drive.

**Community Service:** The service hours must be completed and turned in with the write-up by **November 21**. Any student failing to complete community service can receive no greater than a C in effort for the trimester and therefore will not be eligible for academic honors that trimester.

**Service Opportunities:** The parish is in need of gently used toy donations for Santa's Workshop. If you turn in a bag of toys this could count for an hour of community service.

**Year Book Photos Needed:** If you have pictures from any of our school events so far this year such as the first day of school, Blessing of the Animals, or Halloween. Please email them to Mrs. Holtgrewe at [ericah@mountcarmelschool.net](mailto:ericah@mountcarmelschool.net).

**Literature Circles:** No late credit will be given for literature circle assignments (except in the case of absences). If a student doesn't have the assignment to share with his or her group when the group meets then it is a zero.

**P.E. Uniforms Reminder:** On P.E. days the students need to change into their regular school uniform after P.E. If a student doesn't have the regular uniform, he or she will need to sit out at recess and will receive a behavior report.

**Giving Tree** – Again this year we are sponsoring two children for Christmas from the parish giving tree. Please consider giving if you are able. The recommended donation is \$10-\$20. There is a donation envelope in the Lancer folder. We will accept donations from now until December 5<sup>th</sup>. Miss Lee, Miss Kim, and Mrs. Rightmer will purchase the gifts, and the classes will wrap them together. Thank you for your participation in this service project that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas.

## Book Club!

We had a great had a great book club for October. Our next book club will be on Monday November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Dunn's home. The book we will be discussing is *Audacity* by Melanie Crowder. This narrative poem tells the true story of Clara Lemlich whose fight for equal rights leads led to the largest strike by women in American history. We chose this inspiring story because it goes along with a middle school field trip coming up in December to see the play *To See the Stars* at Santa Ynez High School. This play is also about the 1910 Shirtwaist Workers Strike.

### **Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:**

- Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due every **Thursday**.
- Literature circle reading and job #4 due Monday, November 21.

MONDAY –

TUESDAY – 11:30 Prayer Service in the Church, 12: 00 Dismissal

WEDNESDAY –

THURSDAY –

FRIDAY – P.E.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Lee