

Question-Understand-Experiment-Share-Think

Week of January 16, 2012



WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY?

Social Studies:

The students are close to finishing their PowerPoint presentations on the Great Depression. They are doing a great job summarizing what they have learned and incorporating relevant pictures into each slide. Next week, the students will have a chance to present their work to the class. We will go over oral presentation skills and tips to creating an effective speech.

ELA:

The students had a choice of final projects for the book "No Promises in the Wind". They were given five projects, of which they had to complete two. The projects range from creating a "New York Times Book Review" to illustrating an important scene from the novel. This, along with the comic strip the students made last week will count towards their final assessment for the novel.

Other News:

- We will begin our science unit the week after next. I will send out information in next week's newsletter to provide more specifics on the unit.
- It is almost the end of the second quarter (the quarter ends on January 27th). I have been working on the student's quarterly reports. You can expect to receive a QUEST report as a supplement to the regular report card, just as you received the first quarter.

- I will be out for several days during the first two weeks of February for CogAT testing (the test students take to get into QUEST). In most cases, I will be back in the afternoon and the students will only have a sub in the morning.