

April 13, 2012

Rainbow News

Language Arts: Swinging into Spring

We have just finished reading Mildred D. Taylor's novel, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. It was the centerpiece to our unit on the civil rights movement. To accompany this piece of literature, we also read a handful of non-fiction texts, including one that covered the bus conflicts in the South during the mid 20th-century. To conclude the unit, students spent time both in class and at home writing an essay analyzing a particular theme from the novel that they selected.

Next, we will shift our focus to a unit that will focus on Holocaust studies. All students will read Elie Wiesel's *Night*, a haunting memoir of the era.



Summer is right around the corner. Students attending North Branford High School will receive their summer reading requirements before the end of the year. I would like to suggest that you read the required text as well and have some informal chats about it with your child. This would certainly make reading a priority in your home. Of course, it is highly recommended that students read more than the one required text. There are so many good books and so little time.

8th Grade

June 1, 2012 is when NBIS eighth graders will be leaving for a very active day in Boston. We will: venture to Gillette Stadium, explore The Museum of Science, experience a Duck Tour, have dinner at the Hard Rock Café and stroll through Quincy Market before heading home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs. DePalma, 8th grade class advisor at: pdepalma@northbranfordschools.org

Special Education with Mrs. Porto

Mr. Anderson and I continue to support special education students in inclusion classes as well as in the resource setting. Please encourage your child to use his/her assignment pad. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding you child's program, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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Science with Ms. Granfield

Students began the third marking period with a quick review of 7th grade physics. We then tackled the CMT performance task, a physics lab called “Shipping and Sliding”. Student-designed experiments explored ways to prevent containers from sliding on cargo ships. After the CMT, we began our next major unit, an in-depth study of reproduction and heredity. We put on our ‘mature hats’ and discussed all aspects of reproduction, including sperm and

egg formation and fertilization. We are now heavily into our study of Mendelian genetics, learning how traits are passed from parents to their children. We will finish this unit sometime next month with a study of chromosome disorders common in humans. Our main project will be a brochure on a chromosomal disorder, designed for a doctor’s waiting room,

History with Mr. Diamantis

Students have just completed a letter to the Connecticut Ratification Convention of 1787 in which they convinced them to ratify or reject the Constitution. We have also studied the presidencies of Washington, Adams and Jefferson. Currently they are working on a persuasive essay on whether or not Jefferson was a good President. Next we move on to the War of 1812 and the Industrial Revolution!

Math Notes

As the final marking period approaches, pre algebra students will be in full Algebra mode to prepare them fully for next year. They will be solving and graphing linear equations and inequalities from multiple real world examples.

The Algebra final will be scheduled for the third week of June. With the tight crunch at the end of the year, it would be helpful if you checked in with your Algebra student to make sure he/she is keeping up. Happy Spring!!

World Language in 8th grade

As the fourth marking period begins students in Spanish and French are inching closer to their final exam. World language students are familiar with an exam of this type because they took the midterm in January. Please encourage your child to continue studying and reviewing vocabulary in preparation for this exam! If there are any questions please feel free to email us! Ckramer@northbranfordschools.org or dducharme@northbranfordschools.org.

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The purpose of a newsletter is to provide specialized information to a targeted audience. Newsletters can be a great way to market your product or service, and also create credibility and build your organization's identity among peers, members, employees, or vendors.

First, determine the audience of the newsletter. This could be anyone who might benefit from the information it contains, for example, employees or people interested in purchasing a product or requesting your service.

You can compile a mailing list from business reply cards, customer information sheets, Business cards collected at trade shows, or membership lists. You might consider purchasing a mailing list from a company.

If you explore the Project Gallery, you will find many publications that match the style of your newsletter.

Next, establish how much time and money you can spend on your newsletter. These factors will help determine how frequently you publish your newsletter at least quarterly so that it's considered a consistent source of information. Your customers or employees will look forward to its arrival.

Your headline is an important part of the newsletter and should be considered carefully.



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You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Word offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or

economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content.

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In a few words, it should accurately represent the contents of the story and draw readers into the story. Develop the headline before you write the story. This way, the headline will help you keep the story focused.

Examples of possible headlines include Product Wins Industry Award, New Product Can Save You Time, Membership Drive Exceeds Goals, and New Office Opens Near You.

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