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## Projects Due Next Tuesday

For the past several weeks, students in seventh grade English class have been learning library skills and writing techniques by researching current events and world religions. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> six weeks writing project, a children's book, is due Tuesday, the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Earlier this month, students had a choice to research Christianity and Islam, or peaceful Muslims and terrorists. Based on their choices, students did research in encyclopedias, magazines, books and the Internet to learn more about their topic. In class, we took notes and discussed these issues, and we have begun writing our children's book in class. The final project will include (1) an introduction, (2) two paragraphs, (3) a conclusion, (4) and a bibliography listing the sources your child used. I have shown an example in class. Pictures, as well as a table of contents and a glossary, will receive extra credit. Please make sure your child makes this project a priority. I am here after school and am always happy to help if your child comes to ask me questions in a timely manner (not the day the project is due, for example).

## Parent Conferences

There is no school this Friday. I would love to meet with as many parents as possible – even for as little as 5-10 minutes. Ms. McCarty, Mr. Bedolla and I are scheduling conferences together for the pre-lunch shift (before 11:30), but I am available alone after 1 p.m. Please write me a note and send it with your child, letting me know three times you are able to come in on Friday so we can discuss your child's progress. The meeting does not have to be for bad reasons; I am happy to brag about your child with you!

## Homework Policies

There is always homework on Monday and Tuesday nights in English class. Monday is usually a writing assignment. Tuesday is vocabulary poster night, as well as the time to study for the Wednesday test (review the week's Do Nows). Please help remind your child to complete their homework on these days.

## Bravo to the English Experts!

English Experts have completely mastered capitalization, noun identification, possessive nouns, pluralization, subjects and predicates. Masters earn 500 points for their team. It is my goal that everyone becomes an English expert, and students can come after school to work on mastery subjects. So far, our experts are: Analisa Alfaro, Michael Alamillo, Joshua Baker, Jorge Barajas, Eric Carranza, Crissy Chavez, Jodel Garza, Mike Guzman, Amy Hernandez, Andrew Hernandez, Liliana Hinojosa, Julia Maldonado, Dustin Mayo, Angelica Moreno, Jessica Mungia, Araceley Perez, Rolando Rebeles, Joel Reta, Rolando Rodriguez and Melisa Vela. Bravo!

## Dates to Remember

October 26: Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 30: Project Due

October 31 and November 1: Six Weeks Testing (use our tests and daily Do Nows to help study)

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I am never able to phone as many parents as I would like. Call me at school, and I will be happy to discuss your child's progress.

Have a wonderful autumn, *Mr. Mandel*

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