

Dear Parents,

9/24/10

We have been working hard in math and continue studying decimals. We are moving through the material at a nice pace and mastery in this area is essential. Last year I had the chance to teach a seventh grade math group therefore I have seen first hand what is absolutely necessary for success next year and beyond. We will be moving on to the next chapter later next week.

After our study of early humans, Mesopotamia and early empires. We had a chance to take a brief look at Otzi – “The Iceman.” Otzi was discovered in the early 90's in the Alps on the borders of Italy and Austria. The ice kept his body very well preserved – like a mummy --which allowed archaeologists and great look into the Copper Age. Speaking of mummies, we are headed into a study of ancient Egypt that should last about four weeks.

Reminders:

Vocab BW due 9/29; test 9/30

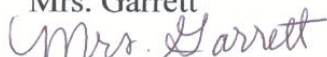
Book review due 9/30—format for this went home in the Friday Folder a few weeks ago.

Next month's book review genre: biography

Math quiz for both groups with the chapter test coming up please be on the look out for those dates in your child's assignment book.

Just a quick note about homework. I think there are a few factors to consider on any given night. First off your child should be writing down when the assignments are due; simply copying the board with no due dates does not help when you are looking a the book that night and your child can't remember when something is due. It may be that everything written is not due the next day. Also, students have some allotted time to start assignments in class. If they don't take advantage then they will have more to complete for homework. Also in general the year is still new, once students become use to expectations and figure out for themselves how to use their time, it will come more easily. Of course it will come sooner for some and later for other. You know your child best and if it's getting late or they are on their third hour of homework, talk with your child and decide where to go from there.

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