

Parent-Student “Homework” for the Week of September 28, 2015

Dear Islanders and 5th Grade Families,

Ms. Goldman’s class is off to a great start in the new school year! Over our first full week of school, we voted on our classroom team name, created guidelines for a positive learning environment, and launched our first collaborative iPad project – among many other things! ☺

This year, the 5th grade Islanders will work with online tools that allow us to connect and build community with learners near and far. The notion that our geographic location does not limit our ability to develop partnerships with classrooms across the globe is a powerful one. However, students will also be compelled to examine how to use the Internet effectively, safely, and responsibly. In 2015, these are very real world issues!

Sometime this week, I would like you to find a moment to sit down with your child and, together, access some of the ways that our own classroom is communicating our learning online. With your child, please explore our **classroom website** and **Twitter feed** and use what you see as jumping off points for a discussion on your child’s first weeks of 5th grade. (I also hope that sharing time exploring our virtual classroom could become one of your family’s weekly traditions for the year!)

Also, please find somewhere on either our website or Twitter feed to **leave a comment** about something you liked or **a question** that we can answer as a class (and really, the more comments and questions the better, so no need to stop at just one!). This week, I hope to start discussing and modeling to students the fine “art” of online communication – that taking consideration of one’s audience and purpose will be key to how we use online tools effectively *and* appropriately this school year (and always!).

Some places you might start your online exploration:

- Check out our website’s first Blog post of the year
- Check out our website’s “News and Events” tab which features several local, upcoming author events
- Check out our Twitter feed, which features some of last week’s math and reading workshop activities

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you “virtually” sometime this week!

Our classroom website: <http://msgoldmanqae.weebly.com>

Our classroom Twitter feed: @MsGoldmanQAE

Best,

Ms. Goldman

P.S. Important Reminder – Parent Forms!

If you haven’t already, please go to our website, click on the “Family Communication” tab, and complete the **two parent forms online**:

<http://msgoldmanqae.weebly.com/family-communication.html>