

Homework Packet - Week 1

This homework packet is due on Friday, September 11. **Please bring this packet to school each day because we may work on it during class time.**

1. Cut the flashcards on the line. Draw a picture on the front that will provide you with a clue for what the word means. Write the definition on the back. We will be making flashcards all year. You will be keeping your cards on a flashcard ring. Normally, we have a vocabulary test on Friday – the first test will be September 18.
2. Complete the crossword puzzle.
3. Complete the job application.
4. Bring your supplies to school and make sure you give the *Back to School* handout to your parent.
5. Read 30 minutes every night. REMEMBER: Reading fluently and with accuracy will have a far greater impact on your life than playing a sport, an instrument, or performing a dance. You do not want to miss soccer, music, or dance practice because you know repetition, practice, and training improve your performance as an athlete, musician, or dancer. Practicing reading everyday is the key to your intellectual growth and improving your academic performance. Practice your reading for 30 minutes every night!

Word List			
alliteration	merits	intellect	simile
character	metaphor	positive	successful

alliteration (uhlihturayshuhn) *noun* Use of the same consonant at the beginning of each stressed syllable in a line of verse.

character (kEHrihktur) *noun, verb*

1. A set of values that guides behavior.
2. Who or what a story is about.

intellect (IN-tl-ekt) *noun* Capacity for thinking and acquiring knowledge.

merits (mEHruhts) Someone's good points or qualities.

metaphor (mEHtuhfawr) *noun* A comparison of two things without "like" or "as."

positive (pozuhtihv) *noun, adjective* When you are sure that things will work out well.

simile *noun* A comparison using "like" or "as."

successful (suhksEHsfuhl) *adjective* Having success or a favorable outcome; turning out well.