**October 19, 2016**

Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to write with some new 2P housekeeping items and updates. We have been very busy embracing our new literacy and writing workshop routines while studying about continents, maps, landforms, and place value! I recently uploaded some new photos of 2P to our class website. These photos show students working over the past few weeks. Make sure to visit <mrspaget.weebly.com> to take a look!

2P will be traveling to the Mapparium on Friday, October 28th. We will be departing Lower Devo around 9:30 and will return by 12:30. If you have not returned the permission slip for the field trip please do so by this Friday, October 21st. On our class website there is a copy of the field trip form under the parent resources tab. I can also send home additional forms to families if needed.

Next week I will be sending out a sign up genius link to all families. This link will be used to select dates and times for parent/teacher conferences that will start in the middle of November. Parents are encouraged to sign up for a 20-minute conference to discuss their child’s progress thus far in 2P.

Our second Scholastic Book Order of the year will be sent in this Friday, October 21st. If you would like to order books please send in a check made out to Scholastic Book Club with your book selections or go to <https://clubs.scholastic.com/> and use the code J9RMB.

At our Open House we discussed the Lesley permission forms for the Literacy Collaborative. If you have not sent these forms back please do so as soon as possible. The forms need to be sent back even if you do not want your child to participate/be recorded. There is a place for you to select that option and sign. I will be sending home additional copies of the form on Friday if I have not received your paperwork. On our class website there is a copy of these two forms under the parent resources tab. I need to provide these forms to my liaisons at Lesley within the next week.

Part of my Literacy Collaborative training will require me being out of the classroom for 3 weeks and a two-day conference. I will be attending a Literacy for All conference in Providence, RI this Monday and Tuesday October 24th and 25th with my Lesley colleagues and liaisons. I will also be out of the classroom the following three weeks for training at Lesley:

October 31st – November 4th

January 30th – February 3rd

May 1st – May 5th

During these weeks I will work with my colleagues from around the east coast and my Lesley liaisons to examine my teaching related to the collaborative thus far in 2P and investigate new components of the collaborative that I will continues to integrate into our 2P literacy and writing workshop times. When I am out students will have the same substitute for each 5-day block to ensure consistency. I will also be in contact with this substitute throughout the week. Additionally, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via e-mail during these weeks with any questions or concerns.

Lastly, 2P is so very grateful for all of the Amazon Wish List items we have received over the past couple of weeks. I have tried to reach out to individual families to express my gratitude but I know I have missed some. Most of the packages came with notes from families but a few arrived anonymously. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone for thinking of us and supporting our 2P learning environment. Your generosity is, and will continue to be, truly appreciated during this school year.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via e-mail or by phone (617) 879-4434.

Thanks,

Caitlin