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**Monday, March 18, 2013**

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| **Skills and Strategies: Making Inferences**  “Tommy!” Mom called out as she walked in the front door. “Tommy,” she continued shouting, “I sure could use some help with these groceries. There was still no reply. Mom walked into the kitchen to put the grocery bags down on the counter when she noticed shattered glass from the picture window all over the living room floor and a baseball not far from there. “You are in big trouble, Tommy!” Mom yelled to herself as she realized that Tommy’s shoes were gone.  **What happened to the window?**  **Why did Tommy leave?** | **Vocabulary**  I have noticed a lot of people use **diminutive** forms of their real names. For instance, “Elizabeth” likes bot be called “Liz.”  **What is the meaning of the word “diminutive” in the selection above?**  **What is one clue that helped you determine the meaning?** |
| **Literary Devices**  **Cliché – a trite, overused expression or idea.**  Explain what each of the following clichés mean:  “On Thin Ice”  “Reach for the Sky” | **Editing**  **Rewrite the following sentences correctly:**  Andrew said my faverit book is the giver.  I also like too read j k rowlings books. |

**Tuesday March 19, 2014**

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| **Skills and Strategies: Main idea**  **Someday we will all have robots that will be our personal servants. They will look and behave much like real humans. We will be able to talk to these mechanical helpers and they will be able to respond in kind. Amazingly, the robots of the future will be able to learn from experience. They will be smart, strong, and untiring workers whose only goal will be to make our lives easier.**  **Which sentence from the paragraph expresses the main idea?**  a. Someday we will all have robots that will be our personal servants. b. We will be able to talk to these mechanical helpers and they will be able to respond in kind. c. They will look and behave much like real humans. d. Amazingly, the robots of the future will be able to learn from experience. | **Vocabulary**  As the weather **deteriorates** and grows worse, we realize we are not going to the beach today.  **What does the word “deteriorates” mean in the sentence above?**  **What is one clue that helped you determine the meaning?** |
| **Grammar**  **In which sentence are negatives used correctly?**   1. Don’t never go canoeing with George. 2. He’ll promise not to splash you none. 3. Nobody believes that George has changed his canoeing etiquette. 4. He can’t hardly wait to splash you with water. | **Editing: Matching Pronouns**  Everyone chews gum. It’s a fact of life. It just makes students mad when they can’t do something in school they do everywhere else. We are older and know not to stick it under desks. They only do that because they don’t want to get caught, and the only place to put it is under the desk.  Circle the pronoun that needs changed to match the rest of the paragraph, then rewrite that sentence using the correct pronoun. |

**Wednesday, March 20, 2013**

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| **Skills and Strategies: Fact or Opinion**  **Write F for facts and O for opinions.**  **\_\_\_\_\_ Uniforms make schools better places to learn.**  **\_\_\_\_\_ In 2004, 14% of public schools required students to wear uniforms.**  **\_\_\_\_\_ Some kids do not want to wear uniforms.**  **\_\_\_\_\_ Some teachers and principals think that uniforms will help students focus on their work.**  **\_\_\_\_\_ Uniforms are too expensive.** | **Vocabulary**  The acrobats completely **enthralled** the audience; nobody could take their eyes off of them.  **The best meaning for the word “enthralled” in this passage is:**   1. bored 2. fascinated 3. ignored 4. underperformed   **What is one clue that helped you determine the meaning?** |
| **Figurative Language**  **Write S for simile, I for idiom, A for alliteration, or H for hyperbole.**  \_\_\_\_\_ Before the movie began, I told a student to “hit the lights.”  \_\_\_\_\_ Silently and softly, the swans swam on the lake.  \_\_\_\_\_ The football players dove on the ball like angry dogs going after a bone.  \_\_\_\_\_ I have seen this movie a million times already. | **Editing**  1) They were the only airmen whom never lost a American bomber during there World War II missions. 2) They were the Tuskegee Airmen, African-american pilots who took their name from the airfield in Tuskegee, Alabama where they trained. 3) The 992 black pilots went to battle on March 22, 1941 they flew more than 15,000 missions in North Africa Sicily and Europe. They shot down more then 100 enemy plains  Rewrite section 1 of the passage below making any necessary changes. |

**Thursday, March 21, 2013**

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| **Skills and Strategies: Main Idea**  **Teeth can tell you what kinds of food a mammal eats. Plant eaters (herbivores) like deer have large, flat molars for grinding plants. Animals that eat both plants and meat (omnivores) have strong canines and molars for tearing and grinding foods. Animals that are meat eaters (carnivores) have canine teeth for cutting and tearing.**  What is the main idea of the passage?  Underline one supporting detail. | **Vocabulary**  Carpentry started out as his hobby, but it soon became his **vocation.**  **In the passage what does “vocation” mean?**  A) talent  B) dream  C) job  D) aspiration  **What is one clue that helped you determine the meaning?** |
| **Grammar**  Underline the adjectives in the sentences below.  1. Colorful birds are one popular attraction at the local zoo.  2. I prefer the zany behavior of the chimpanzees over the docile behavior of the sloths.  3. The students chose to read biographies of infamous historical figures.  4. Karen, enthusiastic and energetic, does most of the work for her reading group. | **Editing**  1) They were the only airmen whom never lost a American bomber during there World War II missions. 2) They were the Tuskegee Airmen, African-american pilots who took their name from the airfield in Tuskegee, Alabama where they trained. 3) The 992 black pilots went to battle on March 22, 1941 they flew more than 15,000 missions in North Africa Sicily and Europe. They shot down more then 100 enemy plains  Rewrite section 2 of the passage below making any necessary changes. |

**Friday March 22, 2013**

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| **Skills and Strategies: Fact or Opinion**  Write F next to statements that are facts, and O next to statements that are opinions.  \_\_\_\_\_ Burmese pythons are originally from Asia.  \_\_\_\_\_ Burmese pythons make great pets.  \_\_\_\_\_ Alligators are part of the normal diet of Burmese pythons.  \_\_\_\_\_ You should not have exotic animals as pets. | **Vocabulary**  The lawyers looked for an office with **proximity** to the courthouse so they wouldn’t have to go far when it was time for a trial.  **What does the word “proximity” mean?**  **What are some clues that helped you determine the meaning?** |
| **Grammar**  Often nouns are used as adjectives. Proper nouns used as adjectives are called proper adjectives. In the sentences below, circle the nouns used as adjectives.  1. Mr. Jones is an entertaining dinner guest.  2. The student association became involved in the project.  3. My grandmother is already shopping for Christmas presents.  4. Rick wants to build a hotel somewhere along the New England coast. | **Editing**  1) They were the only airmen whom never lost a American bomber during there World War II missions. 2) They were the Tuskegee Airmen, African-american pilots who took their name from the airfield in Tuskegee, Alabama where they trained. 3) The 992 black pilots went to battle on March 22, 1941 they flew more than 15,000 missions in North Africa Sicily and Europe. They shot down more then 100 enemy plains  Rewrite section 3 of the passage below making any necessary changes. |