

Check out our class website!

<http://missmulhern.edublogs.org>

Be sure to check in often!



Address labels that will be placed on the first page of my students' agendas.

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Writer's Notebook Monthly Rubric

Please fill out the back of this card while reviewing your notebook entries for the month. Once the grade is added to my gradebook, please have your parent(s) sign the back and return this card with your test folder.

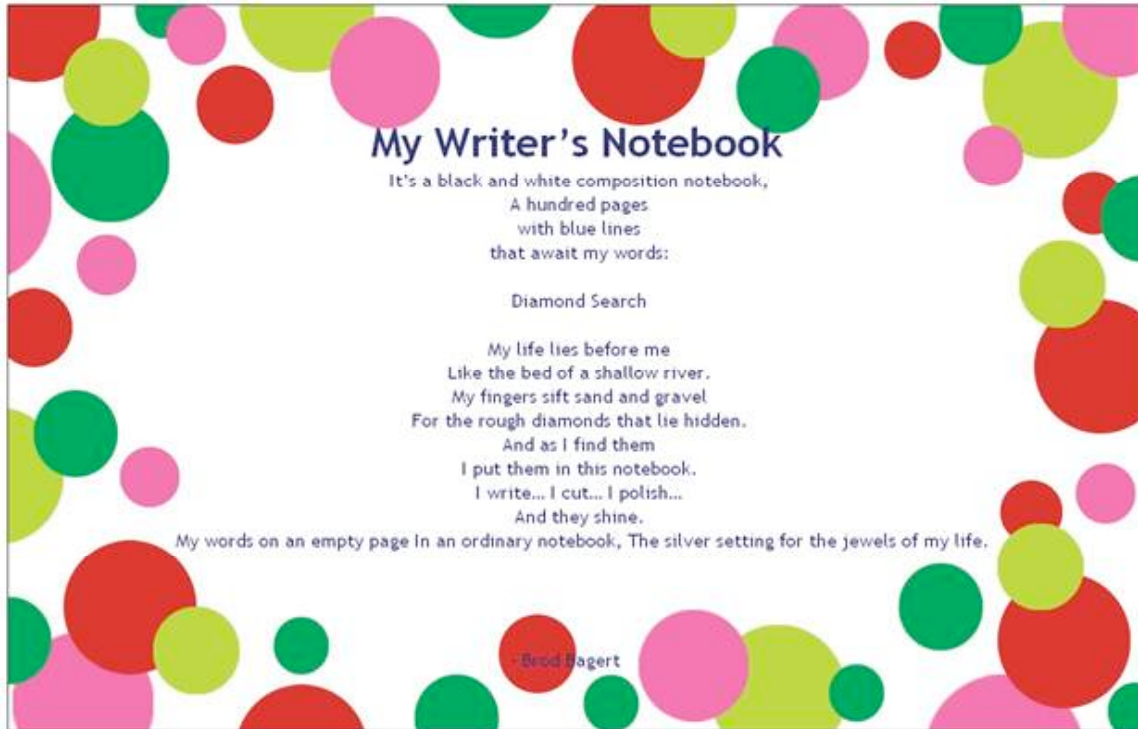
*"Here's the secret of writing:
there is no secret." - Ralph
Fletcher*



Back

<p>Writer's Notebook Monthly Rubric Date: _____</p> <p>20 pts. * I wrote 16 or more pages this month, using all the space on my paper appropriate for a student my age! * I titled and dated each and every entry! * My entries are incredibly legible and exceptionally easy to read!</p> <p>16 pts. * I wrote 13-15 pages this month... * I titled and dated all but perhaps one entry. * My entries are mostly legible and basically easy to read.</p>	<p>12 pts. * I wrote 11-12 pages this month... * I titled and dated most, but not all of my entries. * My entries are fairly legible and sort of easy to read.</p> <p>8 pts. * I wrote 9-10 pages this month... * I forgot to title and date many of my entries. * My entries are challenging/difficult to read in terms of legibility.</p> <p>4 pts. * I wrote 1-8 pages this month. * I didn't title/date my entries. * My entries are almost impossible to read or nonexistent.</p> <p>Parent Signature: _____</p>
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Postcard students will fill out once/month for their writer's notebook grade.



Oversized postcard that I will paste in my students' writers notebooks

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An announcement that will be given to our student of the month (a schoolwide program). The entire class will sign the back of the card.

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Homework Policy & Contract



As part of my classroom management plan, I have a homework policy that I want to make you and your child aware of. It is important that you understand that homework is an extension of the academic school day and that it is the student's responsibility to complete all homework on time. In order to help, please set aside a particular time of day for your child to do his/her homework in a quiet place that is free from distractions and interruptions. Please monitor your child to see that homework is being done, but do not do it for him/her. Be positive and supportive, and praise your child when it is appropriate.

Forgetting one's homework at home or in one's locker is not an acceptable excuse. Also, a note from home is not an acceptable excuse unless there is an emergency or some difficulty understanding the work. (However, it is expected that the student will always attempt the work to the best of their ability).

Rules:

1. I will have a homework pad in school EVERY DAY and I will copy all assignments daily.
2. I will finish my homework and will bring it and all materials to class on time. I will hand in all projects, reports, and signed tests on time.
3. If I forget my books/assignments in school, I will call at least 2 classmates to get the proper assignments/materials.

Consequences:

If my homework is not done according to the rules, the following will result:

1. Students begin each marking period with a 100 point homework grade in each subject. Each homework assignment missed or incomplete lowers the homework grade by 5 points during the first two marking periods and 10 points during the last two marking periods.
2. If an assignment is missing, the appropriate points will be deducted from the homework grade. The homework will be due the next day, or points will be deducted again. If a student misses 3 or more homework assignments, a note will be sent home to be signed.
3. If signed tests are not returned the day they are due, there will be a 2-point deduction from the homework grade for each respective subject.

Miss Mulhern's Class

Classroom Rules



1. Follow all directions, both oral and written.
2. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
3. Raise your hand and wait to be called on before speaking.
4. Be prepared for class with all work and materials.
5. Remain "on task" and complete all assignments (including homework).
6. Respect the rights, feelings, and property of others.
7. Remain in a straight and orderly line while in the hallway, and remain silent in the hallways.

Classroom Consequences:

1. Verbal warning
2. Lunch detention
3. Parent contact
4. Involvement of the principal/vice-principal



The consequences for breaking a rule will depend on the severity of the action.

I have read and understood the homework policy, classroom rules, and consequences for this school year. I will do my best to follow all the rules.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____


Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sign and return by:

A flyer that I will hand out on the first day. Students and parents will sign and return this and I will file it for the year.

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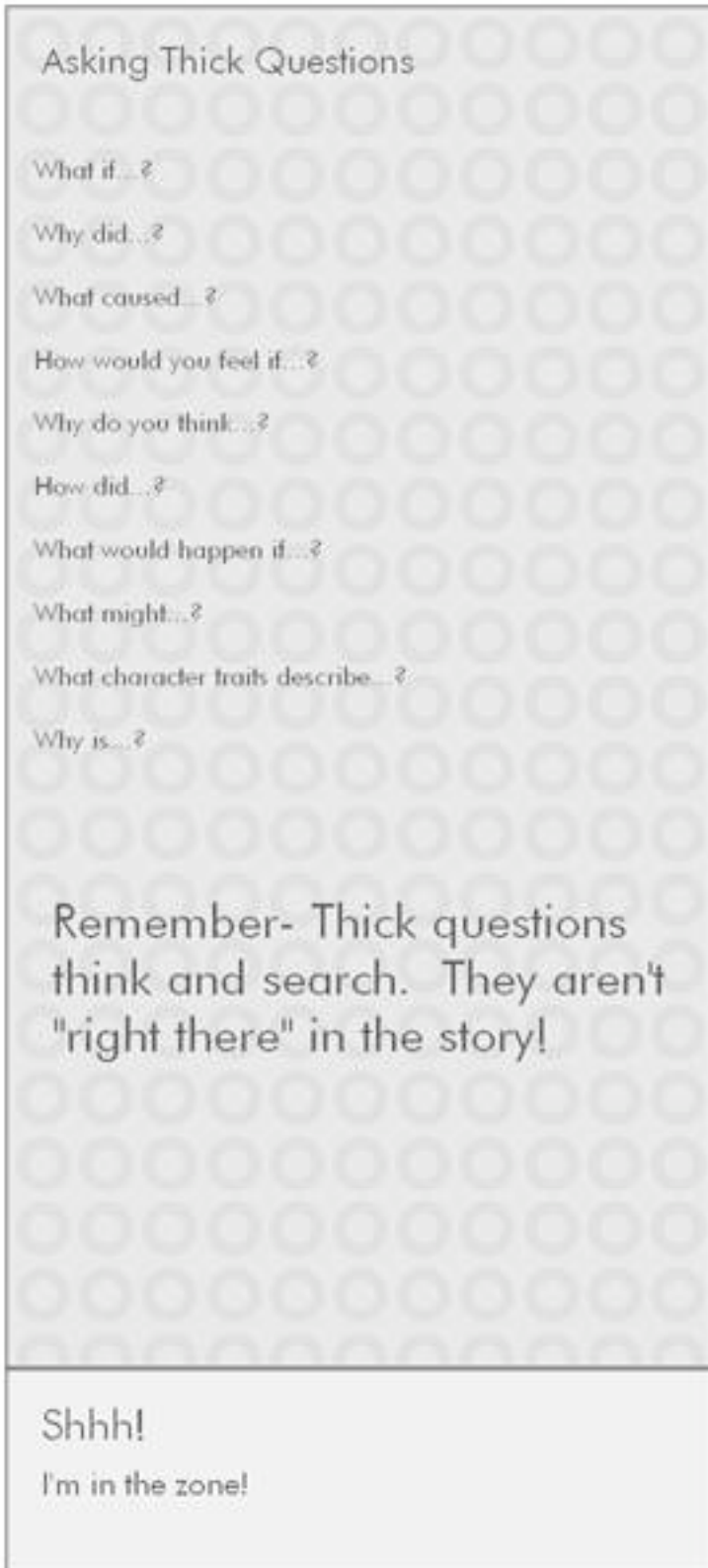
Shhh!
I'm in the zone...



I am a skilled, passionate,
habitual, and critical reader.

The image is a vertical rectangular card with a dark blue border on the left side containing a series of white circles. The top section has a teal background with the text 'Shhh! I'm in the zone...'. Below this is a photograph of a tropical beach with palm trees and turquoise water. The bottom section has a light yellow background with the text 'I am a skilled, passionate, habitual, and critical reader.'

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A “rack” that I turned into a bookmark for my students.

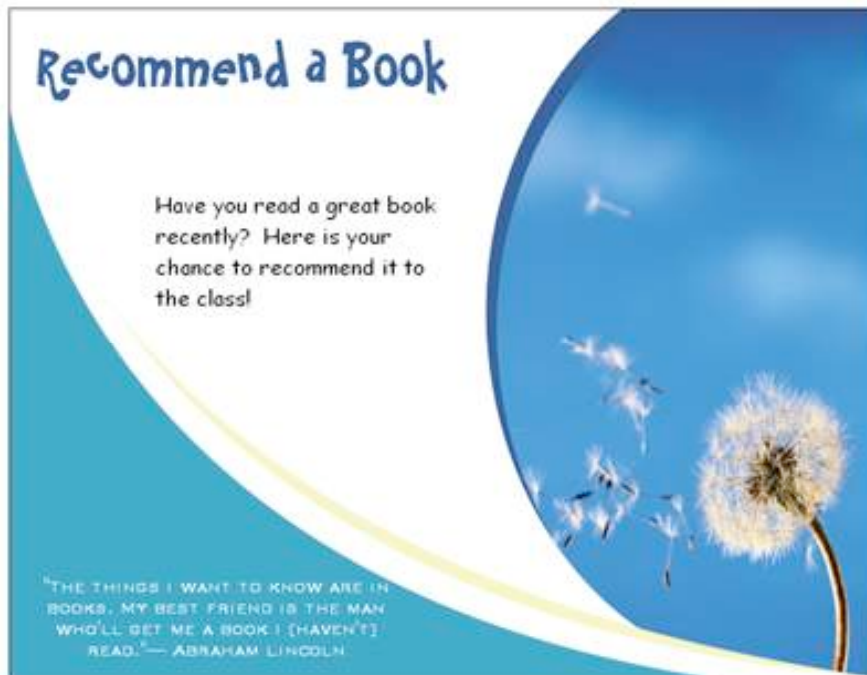


Car door magnet that we will hang up during independent reading.



Window decal for my classroom door. The phrase is one my high school principal used and I love it!

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RECOMMENDED BY:	WHY YOU SHOULD READ THIS BOOK:
TITLE:	
AUTHOR	



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Postcards that students can fill out for our book recommendation bulletin board.

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Name: _____ Date: _____ Compiled by: _____

Here's what you missed!

Reading: _____

Language: _____

Spelling: _____

Math: _____

Science/Social Studies: _____

Other: _____

Special Notes:



Oversized postcard that will be used to keep track of work for absent students.

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Reminder!
**Parent-Teacher
Conferences**

Your conference with Miss Mulhern is listed below:

For _____

Date: _____ Time: _____



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If you are unable to attend, please call me at () 0

Conferences are scheduled every 15 minutes. To ensure that we stay on schedule, please write down any questions or concerns below:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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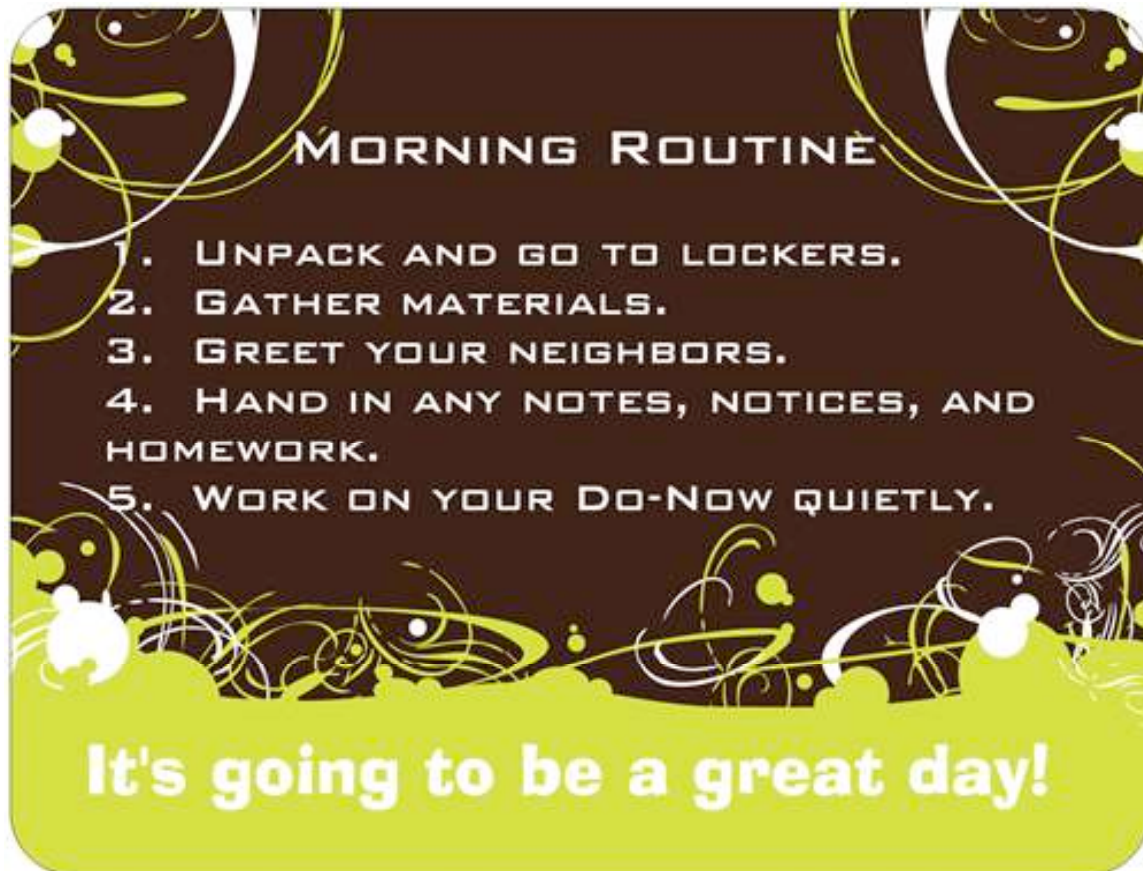
Postcards that I will send home before parent-teacher conferences.

Miss Mulhern's
To-Do List




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A notepad to help me stay organized!



Car door magnet that will hang in the front of the room on the whiteboard. I will write the day's do-now underneath.

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Who is Miss Mulhern?

Since I have the opportunity to teach your child, I want to tell you a little about myself.

A graduate of Oregon Coast University, I majored in Elementary Education and English. This will be my third year teaching. Thankfully, I look forward to each day!

I have many things planned for your child! Each grade is a very exciting year! We will be preparing for middle school and getting ready to say goodbye to Pine Brook. You will see your child "bloom" in many, many ways this year.

Achievements:


- 2005 - Graduated from High Technology High School (Lincoln, NJ)
- 2006 - Received my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and English from Oregon Coast University.
- 2007 - Received grant and participate in inaugural Vietnam program.
- 2008 - Received prestigious Geraldine A. Dodge/MTN Fellowship and traveled to Malibuca, Mexico to study the monarch butterfly and Meso-American culture.

The following are items we can always use in our classroom:

- tissues
- paper towels
- baby wipes

Class Parents:

Be sure to sign up before you leave if you are interested in being a class parent this year. We have celebrations for Halloween, the winter Holidays, Valentine's Day, and the end of the school year. We would love to have you join us!



If you have questions or concerns, please contact me:
mulhern@msm.k12nj.us

Visit our website!
<http://www.mulhern.k12nj.us/>

Welcome to Miss Mulhern's Class!

Pine Brook School

Inside

Welcome to 5th Grade!

Welcome to my classroom! I am thrilled to have both you and your child in my classroom this year. The beginning of school is one of my favorite times of the year. I absolutely love my job, and with your help at home, I will do everything I can to make sure your child has a wonderful 5th grade year. With some hard work (and some fun) we will learn so much together!

Some Questions Answered...

Switching Classes: We will be switching classes this year, in preparation for PENS. My homeroom will have Language Arts with me, followed by Math with Mrs. Englander and Science/Social Studies with Miss Singer.

Homework: We have homework Monday-Thursday nights, and weekend projects throughout the year. The homework will be written on the homework board each morning, and the students are responsible for copying into their homework pad.

Water bottles: Water bottles are encouraged (no larger than 20 oz please!). However, they are a privilege and should not be played with or used as a distraction for the rest of the class.

Absences: If your child is absent, their work will be collected and sent home with their homework buddy (designated in the first week of school). Students will have one day to complete their work for each day they are absent.

Important Dates:

September 4: Schools open
October 27-30: Parent/Teacher Conferences (4 hour student days)
November 4-7: NGA Conventions (Schools Closed)
November 11: Veterans Day (Schools Closed)
November 27-28: Thanksgiving Recess - Schools Closed
December 24-January 5: Winter Recess - Schools Closed at End of Day
January 16: 4 hr. Student Day
January 19: Martin Luther King Day Observed - Schools Closed
February 16: President Day Observed - Schools Closed
March 9, 12, 14 hr. Day Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 9-20: Spring Recess
May 8: 4 hr. Student Day
May 26: Memorial Day - Schools Closed
June 25-26: 4 hr. Student Day



Look for Scholastic order forms throughout the year. These are a great way to buy books at a low price while helping our class add to our classroom library! Ordering can now be done online, from home, making it even easier!



The brochure I will hand out at back to school night.



Miss Mulhern
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phone: ([Redacted]) 10
email: [Redacted]
website:
<http://missmulhern.edublogs.org/>



Business card magnet that will also be given out on back to school night.