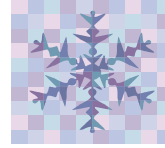


## **JANUARY NEWSLETTER FOR SECTIONS 40 &42**



**Jan. 6, 2012**

**This is an exciting month to come. All of the students recited their Shel Silverstein poems and had interesting props and fun pictures. There was much improvement in eye contact with their audiences and speaking clearly and distinctly. Also the performances went very well with the skits the students wrote concerning stopping pollution in the Chesapeake Bay by watermen, ordinary citizens, land developers, farmers, and industries. Thanks to those parents who able to come enjoy the skits and to support our students' creativity. Mr. Welch, Mrs. Fronciani, and Mrs. Mistry helped with building the stage and lighting the set. Hopefully, the students will become more aware of the problems the Bay faces and encourage the community to help to keep our Bay safe and healthy.**

**Most students have chosen their autobiography books and are reading them. On Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> students should have completed a character profile for each author. Some elements of the personality and interests areas may not apply to the author. The characteristics should be reflective of the character in the book. We will have other graphic organizers to use as the weeks progress.**

**Students have received field trip packets for the Baltimore Museum of Industry trip on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents are encouraged to attend. If possible, parents should try to carpool for the trip. There is only room for one chaperone for each class on the bus.**

**In science, we are doing some experiments completing the steps for scientific investigations. We are working with vegetables this coming week and appreciate the parent contributions. Students will follow a particular format including a question to be answered, a hypothesis or prediction of the answer to the question, name the types of variables (constants or independent), following a procedure, recording data, and writing a conclusion using the data collected to analyze and compare results.**

**Thanks again to all the students for working so hard, participating in the Newseum trip, and to the parents who chaperoned and help in our classroom.**

**Sincerely,**

**Mrs. Barbara J. Cichetti**