Storm Day Assignments

6K and 7C Humanities

Vocabulary, grammar and spelling assignments are in **“Homework DuoTang”**. Anything not completed, should be completed. Students have been advised to complete assignments as they were given in class. However, many are getting behind because they are not making good use of class time. A storm day is an opportunity to catch up. There are quizzes being giving on these assignments. If the student has not done the practice, they are not prepared for the quiz. Less than 80% on a quiz means they must redo the assignments and better prepare for the quiz.

**Reading** – Students are required to read each day for at least 20 minutes. On a storm day, it is expected that they will read at least 40 minutes. When finished reading, they are to write a response in their Homework DuoTang, including the following information and answering the questions below:

Date:

Title:

Author:

1. Summarize in a paragraph (3-5 sentences) what has happened in the pages you have just read.
2. Who is the main character? Describe him/her (physical description and personality). What do others think about him/her?
3. What is the conflict or problem in the story? Who or what is causing the main character problems?
4. Make a prediction as to what will happen next. What in the story makes you think this?

**Social Studies** – I quite frequently make use of a Canadian news publication for middle school students as a source for current events in my Social Studies classes. The news articles are from “What in the World?” publications. There is a two-page news article, followed by a page of ten questions. Students are required to reread the article to find information to support their answers. They underline or highlight any information that helps to answer a question, and place the number of the question in the margin beside where they have highlighted. The questions are to be answered in complete sentences.

I read and discuss the article in class before students are to answer the questions. They have been taught how to complete these assignments. It is important that they do the work to ensure they have an understanding about this. There is a quiz to follow with each of these articles.

If they have an unfinished “WITW?” article, this should be done.