Weekly Class Newsletter

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***Photo from our Vocabulary Digital Story on* Dracula**

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Dear Parents,

We have finally entered the realm of the supernatural as October comes into view. The class will be beginning to read *Dracula*. This week we will focus on the first six chapters, which hold much information to set up the rest of the novel.

As you know, the students have finished their young adult novel, Vampire Academy. They will begin showing their knowledge of gothic literature and its elements within classic literature and how both the young adult novel and the classic connect. They will me much more similar than the students may have thought before.

I hope that the students will enjoy this piece and how I have set up the Wikispace to help them become more involved in the material. Students will come to class prepared and use the Wiki as study guide for the upcoming test at the end of the semester. There will be a quiz on the first three chapters which comes at the end of this week. The Wiki will help with this as well.

Please help students to gain access to a computer in order to study and have them keep up with the reading. The rest of the newsletter shows what will be happening in the classroom. Enjoy and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

**Reminders**

We will be using the Wikispace a lot this week. Be sure to keep up with any assignments which need to be turned in.

The Wiki is set up to go in a certain order. First, go to the “Start Here” page and move down from there.

The assignments which will be graded are as follows:

Pre-reading Anticipation Guide

After Reading Activities (3 total)

Story Graphic Organizer

Archetype Graphic Organizer

KWL Chart

Comprehension Activity

There is an extra credit opportunity in the After Reading Activities section. It is listed as the last activity and it must be in addition to the other three activities the student must do.

LEP students will have the vocabulary digital story to help them with vocabulary and will have visual help in class.

**The Week Ahead**

Next week we will focus on the next six chapters. There will be another quiz at the end of that week with the same type of eStudy guide to help students study.

Keep in mind that the unit is on Gothic Literature and its elements. Each reading should be focused on how the elements help to make the story what it is.

Enjoy your week,

Ms. Kopp