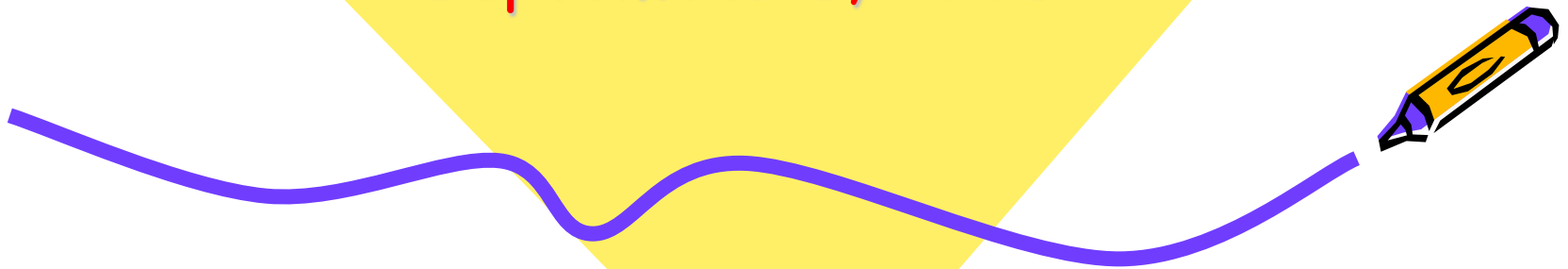


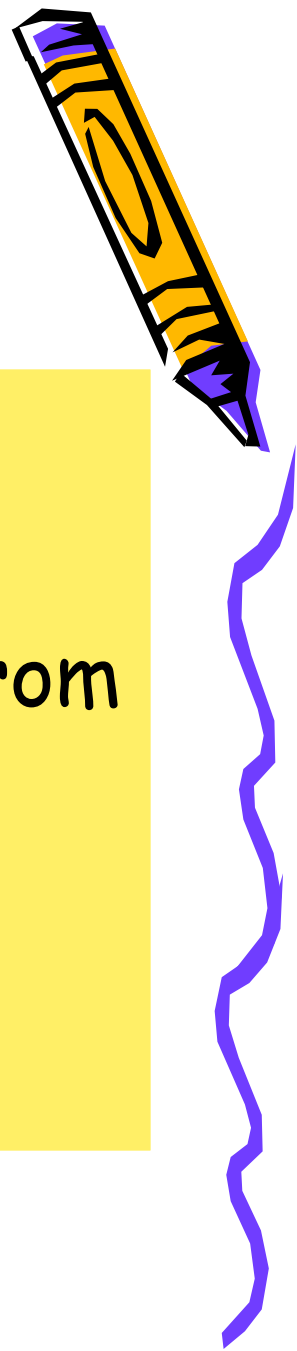


Welcome to Mr. Swank's Back to School Night

September 8, 2008



About Me



- Second year at Mill Creek
- Fifth year in education
- Degree in Elementary Education from Michigan State University
- Master's degree in Educational Leadership in progress at Arcadia University (May 2008!)



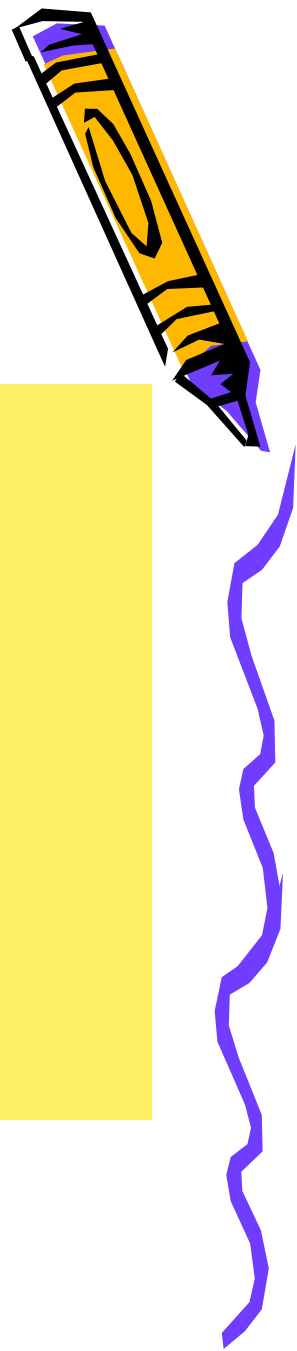
About Me Continued...



- Married July 14, 2007
- Many weekends spent running
- Sports Fanatic (Go Spartans!)



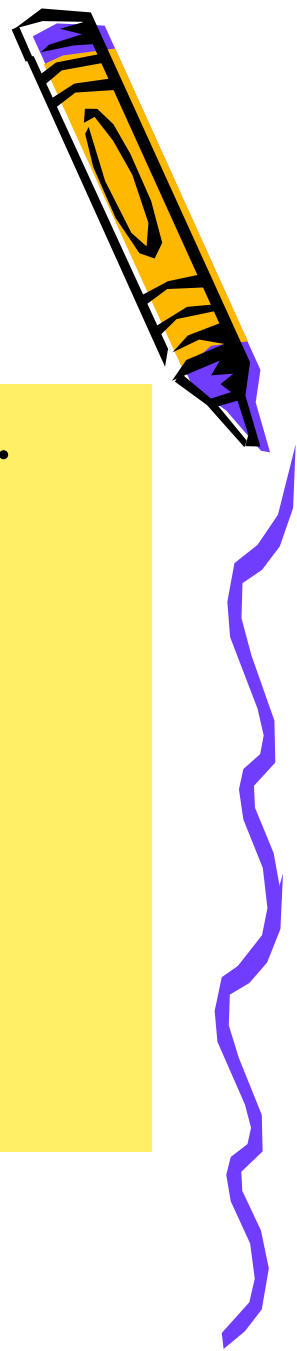
Special Events in Sixth Grade



- Pollution Trip: September 10th
- Ropes Course: September 15th and 16th
- Halloween Howl: October 24th
- Asian Festival: January 30th
- Sixth Grade Assessment: April
- PSSA Testing: March
- Buddy Class: Twice a Month



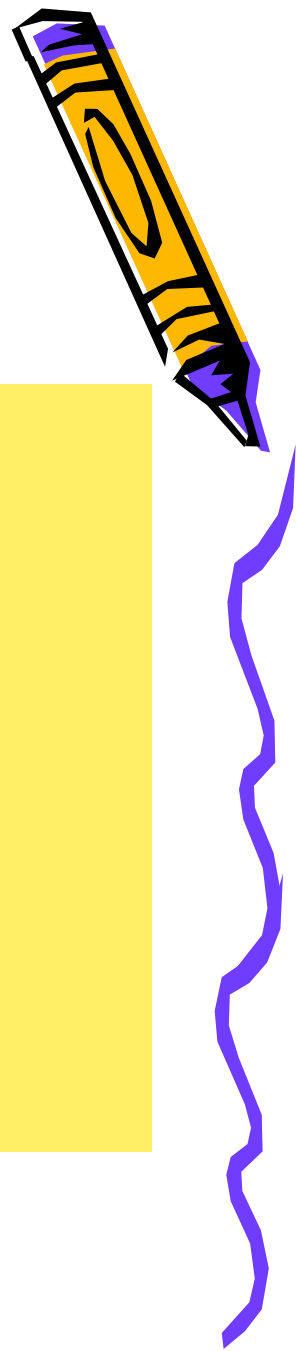
Ropes Course Trip



- Students should dress for the weather. We will go even if it is raining.
- Please check the Mill Creek Hot Line, **267-893-3600**, and select option 6 for updated news.
- Please send a lunch and a snack.



Ropes Course Trip Continued



- Good behavior will be stressed.
- Drop off and pick up will be as normal.



Ropes Course Trip Continued



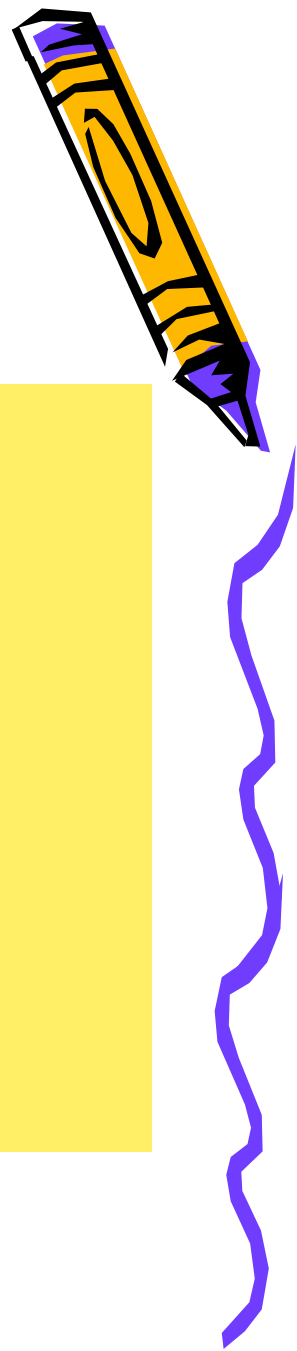
Team
Work



Courage



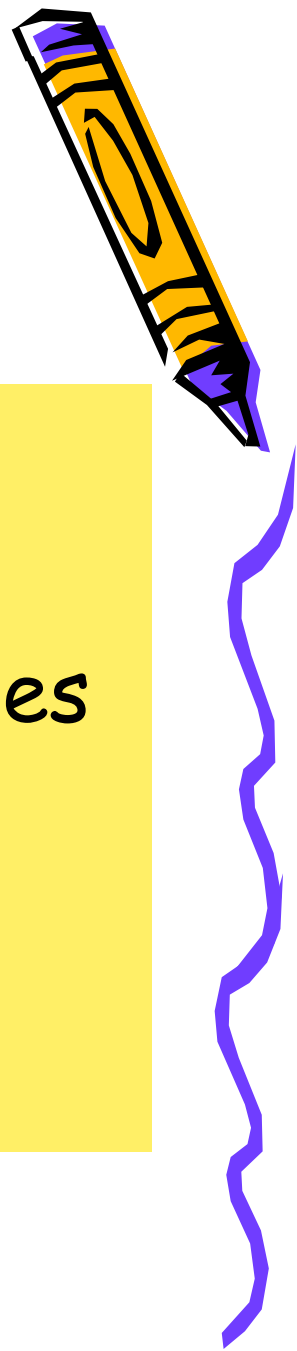
Contact Information



- Call me before or after school at 267-893-3651
- Send in a note
 - If you are concerned that it won't arrive, staple it in your student's assignment book.
- Email me at bswank@cbsd.org



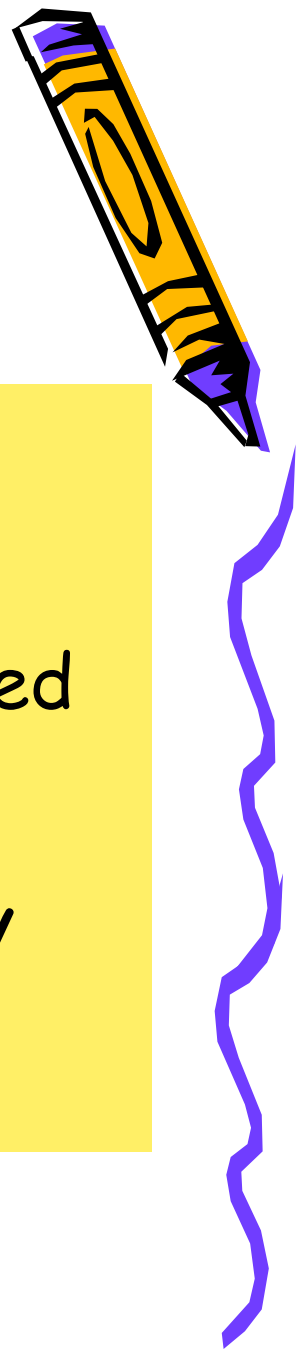
Homework Expectations



- Must do homework every night
- District expectation is sixty minutes per night during the school week
- Assignment books checked daily



Grading Process

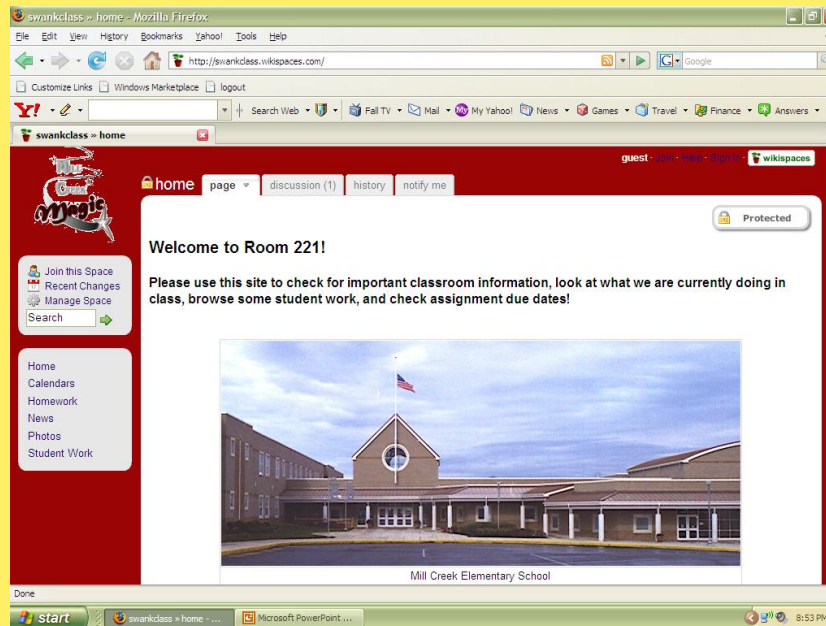


- No Surprises
 - They will always know what is expected
- Rubrics / Checklists used regularly



Classroom Website

www.swankclass.wikispaces.com



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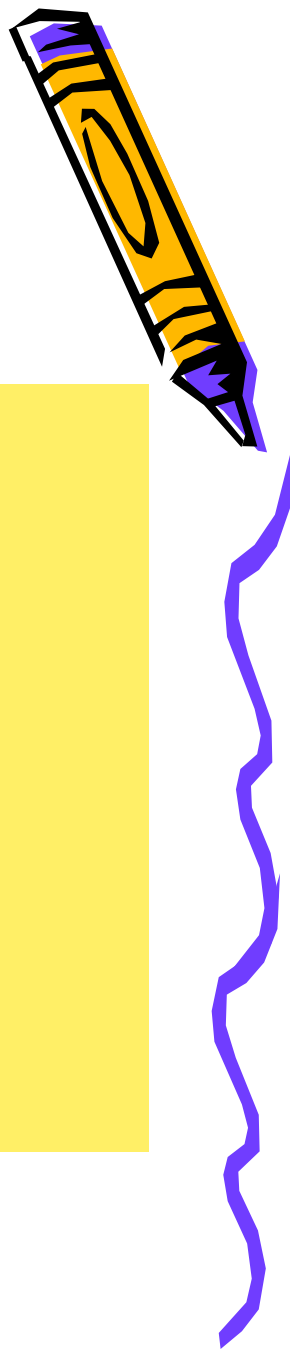


- Updated regularly by students
- Check back for news, work samples, important dates, photos, and more!

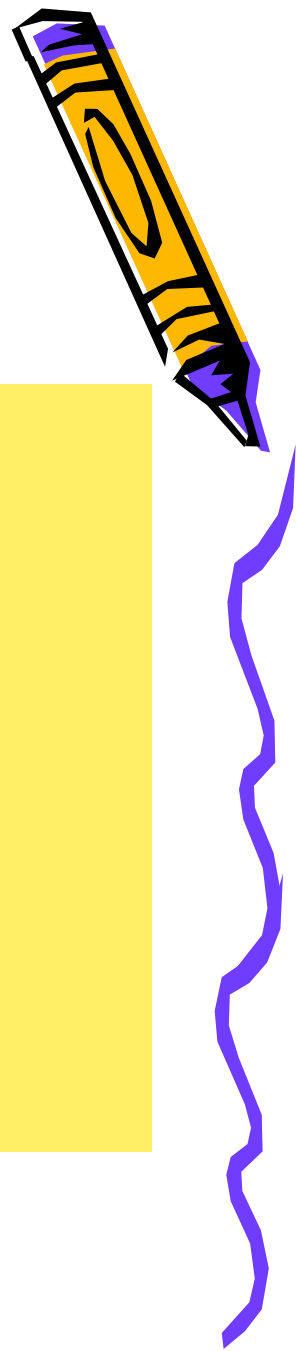


Behavior

- Classroom community is based on mutual respect
 - RESPECT for others
 - RESPECT for myself
 - RESPECT for our space



Behavior



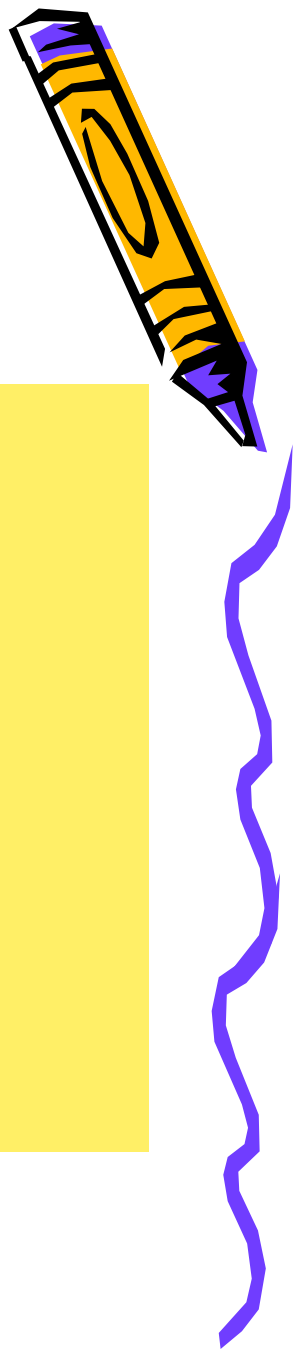
- Goal Card

- ✓ 1st minus is a warning
- ✓ 2nd Minus students write a letter home
- ✓ 3rd minus is an afternoon detention from 3:30-4:00
- ✓ *With 3 pluses they earn a homework pass.*
 - ✓ *A plus is earned by getting a 100% on a quiz*
 - ✓ *By working towards their goal*
 - ✓ *Showing Improvement*
 - ✓ *By going above and beyond what is expected behaviorally*



Conferences

- Please sign up for a conference before you leave tonight.
- A letter will be sent home in November confirming your time.



Online Safety

- Keep computers in a common room
- Understand and monitor your child's Internet use
- Save all strange messages

