

# Ms. H's Grade Six Newsletter

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## Holiday Thank You

Your response to our adopted families was indeed overwhelming. We filled three huge garbage bags with gifts. Thank you so much. I know that we made a difference in their holiday celebration.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your most generous gifts to me. The gift cards, candy, coffee mugs, candles, ornaments, etc. were wonderful!!!! Thank you so much.

## Book Brunch

Book Brunches are held in January, February, and March when students and teachers need some added inspiration. The class is divided into three groups by choosing a slip of paper that has the month that they will be presenting their book written on it. Ten or eleven students do presentations each month.

### JANUARY 27

**Theme:** Let's Go To The Zoo!

**Books to Share:** books about pets

### FEBRUARY 17

**Theme:** God Bless America

**Books to share:** books about patriotism

### MARCH 24

**Theme:** You Can Never Have Too Many friends

**Books to share:** books about friends and friendship

On each slip of paper along with the specifics for the month are the following directions:

1. You have five minutes for your presentation.
2. You should include:  
Title  
Author
3. Begin with a question that "hooks" your audience.
4. Highlight the "cool" parts of the story without giving it all away. (You want others to read the book too)
5. Explain how the book fits in the theme.

Each student is also given a color-coded 5x8 index card on which to write notes for their presentation. A sign is hung on the classroom door with the date of the specific Brunch and the titles of the books that will be presented. Snacks are provided by the Room Moms. On the day of the Book Brunch each student receives a form with all of the twelve titles listed. Each student rates each book. Their choices are: (1) I'd like to read this book, (2) I might read this book, or (3) I'm not interested in reading this book. While presentations are being given students are partaking of the snacks. After the last Book Brunch students get their note cards and lists back. This activity is

enjoyed by all. Everyone participates. It is a different kind of book report. Students have an opportunity to speak in front of their peers.

## Important Dates

January	9	Spelling, Test 7A
	15	Spelling Lesson 7 due
	16	Spelling Test 7B
	19	No School, MLK Day
	23	No School Records" Day
	26	Catholic Schools' Week
	27	January Book Brunch
	30	Spelling Test 8A

There will most likely be a reading and an English unit test at the end of January or the beginning of February. As of yet, no dates. Remember the **English office hours every Tuesday, 7:30 - 8:00 AM**. Any questions or concerns:

[hecmanczukb@olgparish.net](mailto:hecmanczukb@olgparish.net).

## Auction Update

Thanks for all of the great things that you have sent in for our auctions. They are very much appreciated. We will continue to have the auctions on the first of each month. Please continue to send these wonderful things in. We will be having another auction at the end of this quarter.

