Mr. Zimmer’s Newsletter

*For the Week of September 17th, 2018*

**Math** Please see my website (*mdzimmer.weebly.com*) for additional math resources. Look under “Useful Links”, then scroll down to the Engage NY materials. There are lessons, videos, even homework help!

The following topics will be introduced and practiced:

* Add and subtract multi-digit numbers
* Using tape diagrams to solve story problems involving addition and subtraction

**Vocabulary** Terms from the week’s in-class texts, with an interest in synonyms and the suffix -er.

* plunge (*fall or drop suddenly*)
* vigilant (*watchful and alert for danger*)
* dense *(thick or crowded)*
* uniform (*always the same*)
* alternative (*something that you can do instead*)
* dazed (*unable to think clearly*)

**Reading** In-class texts used include ***Flight***. Skills and strategies covered will be:

* Summarizing narrative text
* Making inferences

**Writing** We will begin with our first writing unit – writing realistic fiction. Anticipated topics include:

* Focusing on the heart of a story
* Developing effective leads
* Using the setting to orient readers

**Social Studies** This week, we will continue our study of Illinois. Our focus will be on the following topics:

* Geographic features of Illinois
* Symbols connected with Illinois

**Other** Not much going on this week, to be honest ☺

* Early dismissal on Friday, at 11:20 AM.