

SIXTH GRADE NEWSLETTER

March

ELA

This month, we will continue our reading unit on Historical Nonfiction. We have finished reading “Children of the Dust Bowl” and will start small group book clubs. The students will all be reading one of the three books: “A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt,” “Sylvia and Aki,” or “Out of the Dust.” Students will read together as well as meet to discuss various points of the book.

In writing, students will continue their practice of narrative writing. We have officially learned all major aspects of narrative writing and now the students are working to put what they have learned into practice. At the end of the month we will start some MCAS practice testing in order to prepare for the test in April. These practice tests will be done online and students will have questions about reading and responses as well as longer writing prompts. We are working to motivate students and give them confidence as they do into the test!

For homework, students will be given an article on Monday on Google Classroom. Students will have the week to write a 3 paragraph informational essay based on this article and a prompt. This essay should have a topic paragraph, information and analysis paragraph, and an ending paragraph. This response is due by Saturday night.

HOWEVER, if the students turn it in before Thursday, then I will edit it and allow them the chance to make changes for better writing and a better grade. These changes would be due by Saturday as well.

Thank you in advance for your help with this new homework routine!

MATH

This month, students will be working on Topic 7 - Geometry! Your child will be learning how to find the areas of triangles, quadrilaterals, and polygons. He or she is learning that a shape can be composed or decomposed into familiar shapes. For example, a parallelogram is composed of a triangle and a trapezoid or two identical triangles. Your child will find areas in real-world application problems. Your child is also learning about three-dimensional figures like prisms and pyramids. He or she will represent these three-dimensional figures using nets and then use the nets to find surface areas. Your child will also find volumes of rectangular prisms with fractional edge lengths. He or she will apply these techniques in the context of solving real-world and mathematical problems.

This month also starts our look at the Math MCAS. Students will be discussing, evaluating and solving selections to

All students are required to complete Pearson & Khan Academy assignments. These are not optional assignments - what is not finished in school is homework.

Please make sure to check in to see if their assignments are being completed.

At this time - ALL students should be 72% complete with Khan Academy and have mastered: Mission Foundations, Ratios Rates and Percentages, Arithmetic Operations, Negative Numbers, Properties of Numbers, Variables & Expressions, Equations and Inequalities Introduction. ANYTHING LESS THAN 72% is considered incomplete and not a full grade in student's grades.

SCIENCE

We have just wrapped up our exploration into cells and will be journeying into our exploration of the human system! Students will be studying skeletal, muscular, digestive, respiratory, circulatory, and nervous systems.

As a part of this, students will complete an independent Google Slides project that will be completed independently over the course of several weeks.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students will be learning about the continent of Asia! They will explore many different concepts such as the overall continent of Asia as well as climate, resources, industries, animal, people, nations and cultures of this amazing and diverse continent!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Ecotarium Fieldtrip - 3/8/19

Daylight Savings 3/10

(Move clocks ahead one hour!)



***“As you ramble through life,
whatever be your goal;
keep your eye upon the
doughnut,
and not upon the hole.”***

-Irish Proverb

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