

# SIXTH GRADE NEWSLETTER



## ELA

This month, we will finish our whole class read called *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan. This is a historical fiction novel about a young girl named Esperanza who must flee to California with her Mama after sudden tragedy, during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. This is an excellent story that I know students already really enjoy. In the middle of the month we will start reading *Four Perfect Pebbles* by Lila Perl. This is a memoir about a young girl and her family in Germany during the Holocaust. We will use this book to prompt a research paper about concentration camps around the world.

For writing this month we will continue our unit on poetry. Students will be challenged to read, understand, analyze and eventually write their own poetry. They all just wrote a poem about their Past, Present, or Future in school at WAMS. These all turned out beautiful! We will also work through writing a well developed research paper. One of the research papers we will do will go along with the “Tiny Homes” project that students are doing for the Projects Fair. In the coming weeks we will write two different research papers in order to prepare the students for middle school writing.

**For homework, students will be given broken down assignments to aid them in their research papers. Each week they will be given tasks to complete at home in order to prepare for their writing in school. These tasks will be clearly outlined each week. Thank you in advance for your help with this homework routine!**

## MATH

This past month, students finished the final Topic of Pearson’s Envision Math 2.0, Topic 8. Students must have all assignments from Topic 8 passed in. *Any missing assignments will be marked as a zero in their grades and may result in a lower final grade.* Students will be also take their final Topic 1-8 assessment this month as well - please encourage students to continue and practice their skills!

*Khan Academy is still a major focus with 100% expected from all students* - as discussed in the beginning of the year at KYSN. Notices will go home to inform you of their overall progress - keep an eye out for 100% certificates. Thank you for your continued support with Khan Academy!

This month students will be working on two projects - First up is their Projects Fair “Tiny Homes” project that will be a blended unit using skills from Social Studies, ELA and Math.. Our tiny homes will be displayed on May 30th @ 5:30 pm during our WAMS Projects Fair - make sure to come see it!

Our second project is entitled “That’s Life”, a personal-finance unit. This project is a cumulation of all their year long math skills and applies it to real-world scenarios. During this project, students will have their opportunity to see what it’s like to have the financial responsibilities of an adult - confronting challenges we all face, as they try to make their money last the month, while paying the usual bills, and hoping to dodge those unpleasant surprises that sneak up on us from time to time!

## SCIENCE

Students will be embarking on the first of two blended units of study during this month - first is Earth’s History, where they will become geologists and paleontologists as they delve into the past, present and the future of our planet!

Second will be Earth’s place in the Universe, where students will learn about the Earth, Sun, Moon’s system and how Earth and our solar system is one of billions of galaxies in the Universe!

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Students will be starting their exploration about the first of two last continents of study this year, Southeast Asia And Oceania followed by our final unit of study South America. They will be learning about the G.R.A.P.E.S. of our final two locations!

Students will also be learning and researching in Social Studies and ELA about their Tiny Home countries, applying this information to what their homes look like!

## IMPORTANT DATES:

April Jones Prince Author Visit - May 24th  
Projects Fair - May 30th @ 5:30

**\*\* We still need permission slips/money and chaperones for our 6th Grade \*\***

*Due by Friday May 17th, 2019*