

Grade 6 October Newsletter

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What's Going on in the Classroom?

Reading

In reading, we have begun working in our guided reading groups where students use actual trade books, leveled passages and scholastic magazines to learn about various skills. All students will continue to sharpen their comprehension skills in conjunction with a variety of other skills. This month students are focusing on citing evidence to support analysis of text, author's purpose and how characters develop in a text. The skills taught in each group are based on the common core standards.

Writing

Currently, all students are learning and re-learning to properly use dialogue and make appropriate descriptive word choices. They are in the beginning stages of writing and editing a narrative about a real experience. These are long writing pieces, but are very interesting to read so please be sure to ask your child about them. Also, please remember to let your child read aloud his or her written work often (any work) to catch and fix simple mistakes!

Important Dates

October 7th – Staff Development/No School
October 12th — Mystery Book Report Due
October 17th — Progress Report Card Issuance
October 18th — Pumpkin Night
October 31st – Annual Horribles Parade 9:00 am



Math

In math, students will be reviewing fractions and decimals. They will learn to compare and order fractions and decimals. Students will also learn to multiply and divide fractions. If your child struggles with multiplication and divisions facts, please practice them at home so that it will be easier to learn more difficult skills throughout this school year.

Science

All students will continue to use their science interactive notebooks to investigate and make observations. We will focus on the engineering design. Students will measure and analyze data to draw conclusions and create visual representations of solutions to a problem. In order to participate in these investigations, all students must work cooperatively.

Geography

In geography, students will continue to study the country of South America. It is important that your child study the country and capitals each night in preparation for their geography tests. The South America country and capital test will take place in mid October. Students will also be learning about the factors that influenced and continue to influence the economy in South America while completing an individual project that may need to be finished at home.

REMINDERS

*PLEASE sign the planbook daily and look back each day to see what's complete and what may not be!
*Be prepared for the change in weather! As it gets colder outside, your child should be wearing a sweatshirt or light jacket to school. Layered clothing will allow your child to take off his or her sweatshirt to adjust to temperature changes thus making themselves more comfortable.

