

# Grade 6 December Newsletter

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## What's Going on in the Classroom?

### Reading

In reading/language arts we will continue to work on activities in our guided reading groups that align with the common core standards by using trade books, paired texts, and scholastic magazines to enhance a variety of skills. These skills include supporting answers to questions with appropriate evidence from the text and making connections between various sources. Students will also continue to build stronger vocabulary word choices through various center related exercises.

### Writing

Currently, all students are continuing to build on varying first words choices and transition words in addition to adding more descriptive details in order to build the reader's interest. These skills will be used to enhance their next writing piece. *Please* continue to monitor your child's writing at home and prompt him or her to write as neatly and grammatically correct as possible. This will help sharpen his or her overall writing behaviors.

### Important Dates

December 2nd — Picture day  
December 19<sup>th</sup> — Pop-Up Book Report Due  
December 21st— Holiday Concert  
December 24<sup>th</sup> — Jan. 1st -> Holiday Vacation



### Math

In Math, students will be learning about equations and numerical expressions as well as reviewing skills previously learned. We will focus heavily on evaluating expressions and equations properly by simplifying and showing all work neatly. Please practice multiplication and division facts at home if it is a weak area. This will make ongoing lessons MUCH easier for your child throughout the year.

### Science

Students will continue to use the science interactive notebooks while learning about light waves and mechanical waves. We will also continue to discuss in depth the guidelines that pertain to the 2017 science projects fair. All students should be thinking of a question that interests them. Projects must start with a question!

### Geography

In geography, we will continue to study Africa. Specifically, students will be identifying factors that influenced the settlement and economy of major African countries and putting all of this information into a PowerPoint presentation. Students will also be required to continue to memorize major countries and capitals relating to North, West, South and Central Africa. It would make sense for your child to study the countries and capitals each night once he or she has received maps.

### REMINDERS

\*All math work/computations should be passed in numbered with your child's homework.  
\*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

