

Grade 6 January Newsletter

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What's Going on in the Classroom?

Reading

In reading/language arts we will continue to work on analyzing paired texts in our guided reading groups by using appropriate leveled passages. We will continue to focus strongly on comparing and contrasting themes within these texts in addition to other skills. These skills include supporting answers to questions with appropriate evidence from the text and analyzing how certain scenes fit into the overall structure of a story. Literature discussions will continue to take place almost weekly.

Math

In Math, students will be learning to write and solve equations that involve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Students will also be learning to problem solve using equations. Finally, we will focus on writing inequalities and writing a solution set as a way to solve them. Once students are comfortable with writing a solution set, they will learn to graph inequalities.

Science

Students will continue to learn about light waves and mechanical waves while using their science interactive notebooks during investigations. 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! Guidelines will go home in January...

Writing

Currently, all students are working on learning to write informative short essays that require a lot of paraphrasing. We will be reviewing how to cite appropriately in order for students to complete their larger science project report that will be completed at home. *Please* continue to monitor your child's writing at home and prompt him or her to write as neatly and grammatically correct as possible in all academic areas.

Geography

In geography, we will be finishing up our studies of Central and South Africa. Students are working hard on an in class PowerPoint project about information on certain countries. They will present them in class. Please remind your child to study each night for the geography test on Central and South Africa's countries and capitals. He or she will receive unlabeled maps to study along with a specific test date that should be written by your child into his or her agenda.

Important Dates

January 1st - New Year's Day ~ No School
January 3rd - School Resumes
January 3rd - Progress Reports go home
January 11th - Sixth Grade Field Trip
(EcoTarium & Broadmeadow Brook)
January 16th - Martin Luther King Day ~ No School



REMINDERS

*Be prepared for the bitter changes in weather! As it gets even colder outside, your child should be wearing a sweatshirt, a jacket and a hat with gloves to school.

Happy New Year!

