

Grade 6 February Newsletter

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What's Going on in the Classroom?

Reading

In reading/language arts we will continue to work various genre related activities in our guided reading groups by using actual trade books and scholastic magazines to enhance various skills. These skills include describing how an author's point of view influences how arguments are made in addition to determining story theme based on ideas within a story's text. We will also continue to build stronger vocabulary word choices and increase reading for enjoyment.

Writing

Currently, all students will continue to master using enough evidence to support claims that relate to certain reading passages when given a prompt. Overall, students will also continue to work on organization of ideas while using appropriate words or phrases to clarify the relationships between these ideas. This quarter we will be focusing on argumentative and informative writing. *Please* continue to monitor your child's writing at home and prompt him or her to write as neatly and grammatically correct as possible.

Important Dates

February 3rd- School Spirit Day
February 6th - Report Card Issuance
February 15th - Deadline for Science Topic/Question
February 20th – 24th Winter Break/No School



Math

In Math, students will be moving into chapter 9 which focuses on algebra and the relationship between variables. Specifically students will be using variables to represent two quantities in a real-world problem as well as solving problems involving relationships between quantities using patterns. All students will additionally end up graphing the relationship between these quantities.

Science

Students will continue to use the science interactive notebooks to record the output from certain investigations. While doing this, students will finish up learning about light waves and mechanical waves. Then we will move into learning about the differences between mixtures and solutions. All students should have a topic/question for the 2017 projects fair. Information will soon come home regarding the guidelines.

Geography

We will be working on an in-class research project pertaining to one country per student in Europe. All research projects will be created in the shape of your child's individual country. Students will be researching specifically how certain factors may have influenced the economy and settlement in his or her country. There is no set due date for this project as most of it is being done in school. However, all students should be studying a little each night for the European countries and capitals test that will be given in March.

REMINDERS

*All math work/computations should be passed in with your child's homework.
*Be prepared for frigid weather! It is much colder outside so your child should be wearing an appropriate jacket to school along with a hat and gloves. Layered clothing will allow your child to adjust to classroom temperature changes.

