

6th Grade News

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Welcome Back!!

We hope everyone had a wonderful break and happy holiday season. Personally, we were able to spend some time with our families and get some work done to get ready for the new trimester.

Since we did have some time on our hands in recent weeks, we've been able to reflect on the first trimester, what worked and what didn't, what needed to be improved upon, and what needed to be added or removed from our routine. Most of this has been outlined in this issue of the 6th Element.

**Happy
New
Year!**

Math, Math, Math!

The first unit of focus coming back has to do with fractions. Please check your child's planner each day to see what we are working on.



Ancient Egypt!

This month we will be finishing our unit on Ancient Egypt. We will be learning about geography, daily life, social hierarchy, mummies, pyramids and much more!

By the end of the month we will be starting our next unit on Ancient India.



Reading and Writing!



In reading this trimester we will be learning about ancient times and civilizations. These stories are a great introduction to what we will be learning about in Social Studies during the last two trimesters.

In writing we will be learning how to elaborate and make our writing come alive. Some of the skills we are working on are adding adjectives, adverbs, allusions, action verbs, analogies, anecdotes, definitions, and descriptions. Ask your child to see their writing about today. You'll be amazed at what they can write!

Matter, Matter Everywhere!

In science we asking the question "How does matter change?" We are learning about matter, its properties, and how to measure it. We will be making ice cream to explore different types of changes, and having snacks when we explore mixtures and compounds.

Mark you calendar for March 24th, the Science Fair! This year the majority of the project must be completed at home. Make sure monitor your child's progress so that the project doesn't get too overwhelming. I will be available after school on Wednesdays for students who would like extra help!

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Keeping Organized

For the remainder of the school year we will be focusing on organization. It is important for your child to be organized especially when moving on to 7th Grade! A huge part of your child's organization is making sure they are keeping their planner up to date daily. Please make a point to ask them to check out their planner every night.

Uniform Policy Reminder

Tops:

Blue or Yellow Collared Shirt

Undershirts:

Blue, Yellow, Black, or White

Bottoms:

Khaki

Jewelry:

Earrings smaller than a dime and watches are acceptable

Sweaters and Sweatshirts:

Must not have any writing and must be Navy Blue

Planning Ahead

No School Reminder:

Monday, January 17, 2011 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Monday, February 21, 2011 (President's Day)

Supply Alert!!

We went through our initial supply of tissues pretty quickly last trimester, including several boxes that we had purchased for the class. Therefore we are asking that everyone bring in one additional box of tissues. Anyone who can bring more than that are certainly encouraged to do so.

Also, please ask your child about their own supplies. Many things like paper, pens, and pencils are causing children to come to class unprepared. When they are unprepared, they cannot do their best.

Communication

Communication between parents and teachers is extremely important! Please feel free to contact us anytime.

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