6th Grade Team Black 2020 March Newsletter



<u> Language Arts - Ms. Mar</u>

Spring is just around the corner! We will be working on skills in preparation for the state assessment along with reading and writing about exploration. Students will be working solo, with partners, and in small groups as we move forward in our new unit on Exploration. This time of year we find students are in need of replenishing their supplies: pencils, notebook paper, and some binders are in need of replacement.

Please make sure to schedule appointments around the testing schedule if possible. It is best for your child to test with our team as scheduled. Please insure that they have a good night's rest and breakfast on testing days. dmar@usd259.net

Social Studies - Ms. Faulkner

Knowledge is POWER!!

After spring break we will begin our study of ancient Greece by looking at the Athenian and Spartan societies. This is a really fun unit and leads up to a big debate about which one would be the better society to be a part of. We will learn about the beginnings of democracy, where citizens have rights as well as responsibilities. Students will connect their learning to our current citizenship requirements which include, going to school. Yes, it comes as quite a surprise to students that they are required by law to attend school as part of their citizenship responsibilities. We tend to think of only our rights without realizing that we also have responsibilities as American citizens. The United States of America invests in the future of all citizens by gifting them a 12 year education of basic skills needed to become a productive member of society in the future. Tax money is used to invest in each young citizen's future. This opportunity is given to all citizens with the expectation that they will be ready to become productive citizens who are involved and participate in our democracy. Most American kids do not realize that school is an individual privilege and also a civic duty to our country. Lots of learning will take place in this unit.

Upcoming Events
Spring Break March 13-20
LA State Assessment Apr. 1-2
Math State Assessment Apr. 16-17

Math - Ms. Alvarado

Math 6 is having fun learning about negative and positive numbers and we're breezing by with this topic. Our next topic after spring break will be covering the four quadrants, for this we will be plotting pictures. Math 6 plus will be wrapping up the course 1 math book for 6th grade. We will be starting our course 2 after spring break. We will be covering the first 2 modules of 7th grade curriculum by the end of the year. Students are continuing to work to the best of their ability, let's continue succeeding!

Science - Mrs. Angle

In sixth grade Science, we have been study how organisms in an ecosystem interact and share their environment.

We will be looking at different interactions including symbiosis, competition and predation. Then students will look at food chains and food webs. Lastly we will look at humans effect on the environment. As you know, I am out for surgery for six weeks. I hope everything goes well for the rest of March. I should be back April 20th.

Please make sure your child has pencils for the rest of the year.





