

6th Grade Team Black 2019 November Newsletter



Language Arts - Ms. Mar

The beginning of 2nd semester brings us to a unit called "Animal Allies". We are exploring texts and media about how animals and humans interact. Students have been invited to bring a picture of an animal they have interacted with to display on our classroom bulletin board. We will engage in stories, short movie clips, writing assignments, and academic conversations as we tackle this topic.

We have a field trip scheduled to visit Friends University on November 7th; parents are welcome to attend if they wish, please contact me.

Reminder: Students need to stay on task in all classes as late work is only accepted for 5 days past due date.

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Math - Ms. Alvarado

Last month students who completed their 26 mathia workspace by Oct. 11th, got to come in for lunch and celebrate with an ice cream bar. Congrats to the 29 students who got to enjoy a cold treat provided by Braums and the 6th grade math team! Several students were very close but even after a bit of leniency before then end of the quarter, they didn't quite make it. Our next goal is 13 workspaces, completing them earlier (by thanksgiving) will help them out for the next round of mathia workspaces which will be a total of 35 workspaces. If your student does not have access to a computer they can sign up for tutoring after school (twice a week), we have study hall during Tuesday's and Thursday's 9th hour, or the public library would be a great place to work on mathia in a quiet setting!

Science - Mrs. Angle

In Science, we have been super busy learning about our universe and our solar system. We did a model to show students how far the planets are apart. Now we are looking at the Earth's place in our solar system. They have learned about earth's rotation which causes day and night and its revolution which causes seasons. Next, they will discover how the positions of the Earth and moon cause the moon's phases and solar and lunar eclipses. They will also learn how gravity affects the movement of objects inside our solar system and in galaxies. As always, students have vocab papers with the words they need to know. Reading resources and the activities will be in their notebooks. We are looking at having the Astronomy Unit test before Thanksgiving break. After the break we will begin our Human Growth and Development Unit. We will complete that before Winter break. We had our first send in of boxtops. Thank you to all who sent them in. Please continue saving them all year. The 2nd send in will be at the end of February.

Social Studies - Ms. Faulkner

Knowledge is POWER!!!! The next few weeks in social studies, we will begin a unit on Ancient Egypt. Although there are many things to learn, our focus will be on the students' understanding of the Egyptians' belief in the afterlife and how it influenced the daily lives of the ancient Egyptians. To do this, we will be learning about their civilization and how it related to their polytheistic religious beliefs. The actual learning target is "Describe how the belief in the afterlife influenced their everyday life." Each area of Egypt that we talk about will come back to their religion. Even in their government which was a theocracy, when the pharaoh made both religious and political decisions, played an important part in their daily lives. We will delve into those beliefs and what made their culture unique. As always, please encourage your child to **work hard in class each day** and to make sure and finish any work they did not finish in class as homework.

Upcoming Events

November 7- 9:30-11:45 Field Trip
November 11- No School Veterans Day
No School- 11/27-29-Fall Recess

