

Hello, Trooper Families!

School-wide reminders:

- **1st Ever AFMS Costume Ball is next Friday, October 26th, from 7pm to 9pm. See school website for more details!**
- **Veterans Day Celebration--In honor of Veteran's Day, we are asking students with immediate family members who are veterans or currently serve to share this information with their homeroom teachers in order to receive a special invitation to our Veterans Day Ceremony.**
- **AFMS C.E.S. Club (Chargers Engaged in Service) will continue to collect new socks through October 31st.**

ELA/Language Arts with Mrs. Gabbard:

Good afternoon! I hope that everyone had an outstanding week because we sure did here at AFMS ELA! Students used The Myth of Cronus to work with and identify the "Key Elements of Mythology". We looked at a mini-essay and deconstructed the various components. Students will be writing their own mini-essay next week. The activity will be assigned as a "major" and completed over a two-day period. Also, the second half of the quarter grade recovery deadline is Tuesday, October 30th. Please check PowerSchools for missing assignments and encourage your child to turn in all work by the deadline. Late work will not be accepted after the date of October 30th.

Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:

We are still in Unit 3 in my advance class. My regular class will be quizzed on Monday October 29th and will test on Unit 2 on November 1st. Students will receive the first EOG worksheet for quarter 2 on Tuesday October 30th. This will be a short one and will be due in 1 week, November 6th. They will receive the 2nd one on November 8th which is a Thursday instead of a Tuesday. I will put these dates on my website. Smart Block of this week was used for Khan Academy. Most of the students have an account. We will continue with this in Smart Block next week. All students can practice at the home even if I have not posted assignments. They can go to the Khan Academy's website, go under courses then choose illustrative mathematics. It was a great week. Have a safe weekend.

Science with Mr. Hipps:

Rock on Planet Earth

First things first!

There was an issue with my science grades on Power School yesterday. When I inputted grades yesterday, a setting changed (probably something I did) that caused many grades to drop. I could not fix it until this morning at school. I apologize for any family stress this may have caused.

May the force be with you! I am talking about the force (and forces of our Earth) that cause subduction (where cool stuff happens). These movements (caused primarily by convection in the mantle) are our primary focus.

A moving tectonic plate is difficult to visualize thus hard to understand. For that reason, we will be spending a good deal of time on it throughout the unit. We will also be looking at more evidence that helps to prove that our plates do in fact...move.

This week's focus will be:

1. earth layers, and how we know about them,
2. evidence of plate movement,
3. Pangaea and Continental Drift.

Big Concepts...

1. Convection in the mantle cause plate movement.
2. Our crust is broken into giant sections called tectonic plates.
3. Earth layers are stacked according to their density.
4. We know that there are layers because of the way seismic waves travel through the earth.
5. We know the location of plate boundaries because that is where we find most earthquakes and volcanoes.
6. Most earthquakes and volcanoes occur at plate boundaries because that is where movement and stress build up!

Social Studies with Mrs. Rabb:

After learning to identify and hopefully prevent bullying with Mrs. Smith, our 6th grade guidance counselor, on Monday, we spent Tuesday engaging in meaningful discussions about equity and equality with Mr. Gore, our Instructional Facilitator. We got right back into the history of Mesopotamia on Wednesday and have had three jam-packed days of learning! After reviewing how important the geography of the Fertile Crescent was to the development of early civilizations, we began examining the religious traditions that began to develop during this time (Cores 3 and 4 did not get quite this far...these classes will begin on Monday).

I am revisiting my plans for the remainder of the unit on Mesopotamia as we have so much to cover! Homework will continue to be posted on the website as it is assigned. After we finish an area of study, I will post the PowerPoints on my website (most are already in Google Classroom).

Last day for missing assignments for the 2nd half of quarter 1 will be due NO LATER than 3pm on Wednesday, October 31st--and that is only because I am a bit behind in grading two assignments. I will have all assignments graded and entered into PowerSchools by Monday morning--NOTE: PowerSchools is supposed to be down for maintenance this weekend, so don't be surprised if you are unable to access at some point this weekend.

Core 4 test corrections for Unit 2 test--Because of our unusual schedule yesterday, we did not have Smart Block--and Core 4 did not have a chance to make test corrections. Those students will get a chance to improve their grades next week--I will work with them individually to find a time to do this work.

Upcoming dates:

November 8th--Unit 3 test on Ancient Mesopotamia (just announced--kids don't have this date yet)
November 9th--Notebook Check #3

Compacted Math 6+ / 7+ with Mrs. Jones:

Upcoming Topics: This week we will conclude Unit 3 the unit assessment and begin Unit 4, Equations. This week we will look at what it means to be a solution, one- and two-step equations

Assessments:

Unit 3 Test (10/29) - This will be a first quarter grade. This test will have 5 review questions including the topics: Multiply and Divide Decimals, Multiply and Divide Fractions, Adding and Subtracting Fractions

Unit 4 Assessments:

Unit 4 Quiz 1 (11/7)

Unit 4 Quiz 2 (11/16)

Unit 4 Test (11/30)

Announcements:

Have a great weekend!

Website: www.tinyurl.com/AFMS-Jones

Math with Ms. Hunter and Ms. Connell:

- **Upcoming Assessments:**
 - **Unit 2 Test on Monday, 10/29**
 - **Unit 2 Project is due Monday!!**
 - **Please make sure to check Power School for updated grades**
- **Topics Covered Next Week:**
 - We will be wrapping up Unit 2: Introduction of Proportional Relationships next week. Please make sure to bring your **Teal workbook EVERYDAY to class.**
 - We will be beginning Unit 5: Rational Numbers next week.
 - **Students should be reviewing their Lesson Summaries in their Workbooks nightly.**
 - Check our websites below for in-class activities, resources, and updates.
- **FYI:** Spirals are due EVERY other Monday, Spiral 7 is due Monday (10/29).