

Hello, Trooper Families!

**School-wide reminders:**

- **Curriculum Night for Parents/Guardians is Tuesday, October 9th--5:00 to 6:00pm Food Trucks; 5:30pm is an AIG meeting; 6:00 to 7:50--walk your student's schedule**
- **If your student has not returned the SIGNED 1st Quarter Interims cover letter to her/his homeroom teacher, please do so by Monday.**
- **AFMS C.E.S. Club (Chargers Engaged in Service) will be collecting NEW SOCKS and donating them to Note in the Pocket and homeless shelters in North Carolina. This is a HOMEROOM competition, so let's make sure a TROOPERS HOMEROOM wins!! Please see the school and team websites for more information.**

**ELA/Language Arts with Mrs. Gabbard:**

We had a great week identifying characteristics about our main character from The Lightning Thief, Percy Jackson. Students were engaged in discussion regarding actions versus inner thoughts, gaining the gist of "The Hero's Journey", and improving our ability to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words. We are getting excited about future writing opportunities that will use an archetype such as "The Hero's Journey". Finally, we went to the Media Center for our book check out time and students were excited to find interesting reads right at their fingertips.

We have a final unit assessment on the horizon and a quiz or two as well. Exact dates will be on the way. They are dependent on the pace of class discussion. I will post them on my website very soon and students will put the information in their agenda as well.

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**Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:**

My advance class continues with Unit 2, Ratios and Unit Rates. My regular class will begin Unit 2 next Wednesday. After we finish each unit students will be giving a new workbook correlating to the present unit. Students need to store the old workbooks at their home. There are so many problems in the workbook that we did not complete. Students can work on any of those problems to master those concepts or maintain their mastery. Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup> my regular class will be tested on Unit 1. EOG 3 worksheet is due October 17<sup>th</sup>. I have changed the due date from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> on the EOG 3 worksheet since I will be absent the 16<sup>th</sup> due to training. Thank you to the parents who donated skittles. Thank-you for all you do with your child/children's and for all your support. Have a safe weekend and I will see you next Tuesday for Curriculum Night.

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**Science with Mr. Hipps:**

**"Whats A Matta U"**

We are still dealing with matter and will be for the next two weeks. Although not all of the tests are graded, I am pleased with what I have seen thus far. Several students who struggled with the matter quizzes did much better in the test.

Throughout the rest of Matter, we will continue focusing upon phase changes. Students will now understand evaporation and condensation more on the molecular level. In other words, it is the movement of molecules that determine the state of matter.

This final section on matter is the most difficult because of unfamiliar terms like solute, solvent, solution, and suspension. Especially confusing to students are the terms dilute and concentrated. Although they seem like terms that students should be familiar with, many have no experience using them. Perhaps students should make Kool Aide and practice at home making it dilute, then concentrated!

Our next Matter test is on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. After this week's test, and our upcoming fun with sublimation, I am confident that our students will be very ready for the more difficult test number two.

### Interims & Power Schools

There were several questions about the interim, and Power Schools, so I will try to address those questions here with a few examples.

Quiz Matter 1	98
Corr/Retake	1

The above example shows a grade of 98 and a 1 in corrections/retakes. This means that the student earned a 98 and returned their quiz corrected and signed on time. If there were a zero where the one is, that would mean the quiz was not returned corrected/signed on time.

Quiz Matter 1	88
Corr/Retake	42

### Matter Test II: Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> Quiz, Friday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

#### This Week's Key Questions:

- How do molecules behave in different phases or states of matter?
- What impact does heat have upon molecule movement?
- What impact does this molecule movement have upon matter?
- Why can physical properties of pure substances be used to identify that substance?

#### Main Ideas:

- Molecular movement determines phase or state of matter
- The temperature determines molecular movement
- Some physical properties of pure substances stay the same regardless of changes in the amount of matter.

Science Rocks,  
Mr. Hipps

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#### Social Studies with Mrs. Rabb:

October's Current Event has been assigned with written directions and a rubric. The information is on my website and also in Google Classroom. Please remind your student to submit the assignment in Google Classroom on or before October 30th.

The study guide for our Unit 2 assessment will be distributed on Monday the 8th and will be due Wednesday the 10th. We will spend next week working on review stations for our geography unit. Students should be

able to explain how physical features and human characteristics of a place influenced how the civilization developed. We will study the ancient civilization of Mesopotamia after our geography test.

Please remind your students to use capital letters and punctuation correctly. Find a review game or activity online to help them remember how to capitalize proper nouns. These are early elementary school skills, and many of the students seem to believe they don't matter....but, they do. Ask them to tell you the "studnet" story!

Upcoming Dates: There will be a notebook check on **Tuesday, October 9th** (I told the kids it would be Monday, so that is new information for them). Also, we will have a unit test on **Friday, October 12th**, on our geography and ancient civilizations unit--A study guide will be distributed before, and we will complete review stations to solidify our learning.

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

**Upcoming Topics:** This week's topics will include applications of fractions and decimals, working with squares and cubes (and including them in order of operations), and comparing and ordering rational numbers.

**Assessments:**

Unit 2 Test (10/12)

**Announcements:** Mrs. Jones will be at a county math training on Thursday October 11.

Have a great weekend!

**Website:** [www.tinyurl.com/AFMS-Jones](http://www.tinyurl.com/AFMS-Jones)

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**Math with Ms. Hunter and Ms. Connell:**