

November 18, 2018

Hello, Trooper Families!

### School-wide reminders

- 1) **Penny Wars has begun! The CES Club (Chargers Engaged in Service) is collecting change to benefit students in Jones County, NC, who schools have been heavily damaged and affected by Hurricane Florence. This grade-level competition will take collections during all lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays through December 13th. Please see the school website for more information--and bring in that change!**
- 2) **Tuesday, November 20th, is an Early Release school day. Wednesday through Friday are school holidays. Happy Thanksgiving to EVERYONE!**

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

We had a very busy, but creative and fun week! The students presented the *Lightning Thief Projects* and it was a pleasure to see their hard work come together in so many different and "out of the box" ways! They are finishing their final activity that is connected with the novel. The Book Jacket activity will be due on Tuesday and I know those will be just as awesome as our other project. Also, we will finish viewing *The Lightning Thief* movie on Tuesday as well.

Moving forward, students need to return their novel by Tuesday. If the books have been lost or are in disrepair, a fine will be assessed and a letter will come home. If you know your child has lost the book or it is looking more than "gently used", I can provide replacement information to you and we can get that taken care of quickly. Your help with this process is most appreciated. Also, if anyone is able to donate gallon size ziplock bags, it would be appreciated.

Finally, I hope everyone has a wonderful and very Happy Thanksgiving! I know I am looking very forward to some downtime and good food! Safe travels if you are heading out on the roads, friendly skies, or high seas.

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

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#### Science with Mr. Hipps:

#### Rock on Planet Earth

We are continuing our journey through plate tectonics. Although not all of today's quizzes are graded, so far students either did very well, or very poorly. It is important that students stay focused at school, followed up with some study at home. Science is moving at a quicker pace, and the rigor has picked up. Despite this quiz, I am proud of how well most of our students are learning. It is reflected in solid grades and some very deep and pointed questions in class.

#### Assessment Alert

Our next Plate Tectonics test is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup>. There is possibility that the test will have to be postponed to the following week.

It's Alive!

After plate tectonics and a quick jaunt through rocks and minerals we will take a very quick trip into soil. Many students are surprised to learn how important soil is for human survival. They are also surprised to learn that soil is a pile of very small rocks and minerals, dead stuff, water, and lots of living things. Soil is so teaming with life that "It's alive". We will also become aware of just how poorly we treat soil during construction, mining,

farming and everyday living. But we must then examine ways we can conserve, protect, and develop our necessary resource.

### Key Concepts

1. Heat moves from high to low concentration until thermal equilibrium.
2. Convection causes tectonic plate movement.
3. We classify plate boundaries according to how they move.
4. We classify rocks according to how they are formed.
5. Soil is essential for life on our planet.

### Key Questions

1. How do we know what the inside of our earth looks like if we have never seen it?
2. What do the location of earthquakes and volcanoes tell us about our earth?
3. What are the three types of tectonic plate boundaries?
4. What process form and change rocks into other rocks in the rock cycle?
5. How is soil formed?
6. How do farmers conserve soil?
7. After evaluating the evidence showing plate movement, which piece of evidence is most convincing

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### **Social Studies with Mrs. Rabb:**

We started our unit on Ancient Egypt---the kids seem excited about mummies and pyramids!! We reviewed our prior learning on Egypt's geography and began studying vocabulary for the unit. Continue to collect those Pringles cans as our mummification activity is being pushed until after Thanksgiving! We will examine more about Egyptian religion and the beginnings of Judaism this week.

On another note: Thank you to those students who have invited me to see them perform/sing/play ball/all the other fun things! I'm honored and excited to do so. I have not been able to attend many events lately as we deal with house/rental/insurance things. We are now settled in this rental house until the end of March, so it should be a bit easier for me to get to these special things! Thank you for both your understanding and patience!

### Upcoming dates:

November 30th--November Current Event due

December 6th and 7th--DBQ (document-based questions) for Ancient Egypt in lieu of our usual unit test

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

**Upcoming Topics:** During the weeks of 11/19 and 11/26 we will be finishing Unit 3. We will be covering the topics of transforming equations (solving for a specified variable) and word problems that involve setting up and solving an equation.

### **Assessments:**

Unit 4 Test (11/30)

### **Announcements:**

If you have any leftover Halloween candy that you would like to donate for classroom rewards feel free to send those in with your student.

As we approach cold and flu season it would be helpful to add some more tissues to our classroom. If you are able to send in a box or two, it would be appreciated.

Have a great break and Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the time together with friends and family! I am truly thankful for having each of your children in my class this year, they are amazing young men and women.

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

- Upcoming Assessments:
  - Unit 5 Test will be 11/30.
    - Please make sure to check Power School for updated grades
- Topics Covered Next Week:
  - We have started our Unit 5: Rational Numbers. This unit will entail exploring application of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing with rational numbers.
  - Students should be bringing their PURPLE workbooks to class everyday.
  - 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 9 will be due 11/26.
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