

November 2, 2018

Hello, Trooper Families!

School-wide reminders:

- **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.**
- **Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed socks and who wore wacky socks on Fridays in October! We don't have the final count yet, but, no matter how many socks AFMS collected, your generosity is having an impact on those in our community who need help!**

ELA/Language Arts with Mrs. Gabbard:

This week in ELA, students continued the study of myths and completed making connections to The Lightning Thief. We are planning to read two more myths next week and identify theme ideas in each. We will also connect these myths to themes present in The Lightning Thief. We will work on a project for 2-3 days and then a final writing product to go along with the novel study. If you have any of the following craft items, we would love for you to share them with us:

- cotton balls
- Q-tips
- Tempera paint(any color)
- Paint brushes
- Small, plastic cups
- self-stick foam or felt items(felt squares, numbers, letters, animals,landscape items)

We are looking forward to completing the novel study soon and moving into our next type of literature. Have a wonderful week!

Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:

My advance class will be tested on Unit 3 this Thursday November 8th. The first EOG worksheet is due this Tuesday November 6th. The students will not get the next EOG worksheet until November 8th. My regular math class will begin Unit 3, which is Unit Rates and Percentages on Monday. Congratulations to Core 3 who achieved the title "Big Dawg." They accumulated the most points during quarter 1. Today was "Game Day." It went very well and the students enjoyed that time with their peers. The minutes that are accumulated for game day will be tallied differently in the second quarter. Some of the minutes are based on the EOG worksheet. It has been changed where it will be more focused on the individual students versus the entire class. It has been explained to all students so if you need further details just ask your child. Thank-you for all you do with your child/children's and for all your support. Have a safe weekend.

Science with Mr. Hipps:

Rock on Planet Earth

Plate tectonics and convection in the mantle should not be a big mystery to your students. We have some misconceptions to work out, and a few students need to do some extra learning, but we are on pace. This week we will be deepening our understanding of plate tectonics as begin to examine the evidence that proves

the scientific theory of plate tectonics. From there we will focus upon the types of plate movements and the impact this has upon our land.

Plate movements is the most fun part of plate tectonics. Understanding how gigantic masses of land push, pull, slide past, and subduct, is essential. These movements cause earthquakes and volcanoes, large mountain range and valley formations, long strings of volcanic islands, and the formation of new crust.

Assessment Alert

Plate Tectonic Test I is **Thursday**. Today's quiz will be returned on Monday and should be an indicator of student preparedness.

This Week's Focus:

1. Evidence that proves plate movements or Continental Drift
2. Plate movements (convergent boundaries, divergent boundaries, transform boundaries, and subduction).

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:

The study guide for our Mesopotamia unit will be due Tuesday, November 6th. We learned about the religion, achievements, social structure, and political structure of Ancient Mesopotamia this week. We read information from both the Google Slides document (we call it the "big powerpoint"!) as well as our textbook. Some of the lessons we are working on focus on the importance of using our reading comprehension strategies as we tackle challenging informational texts. Next week, we will continue reviewing information about all aspects of the Mesopotamian civilization as we prepare for the unit test on Thursday.

Upcoming dates:

November 8th--Unit 3 test on Ancient Mesopotamia

November 9th--Notebook Check #3

November 30th--November Current Event due

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

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Upcoming Topics: This week we will continue solving equations. We will look at two-step equations with integers and rational numbers, including applying this information to word problems. We will also start looking at multi-step equations.

Assessments:

Unit 4 Assessments:

Unit 4 Quiz 1 (11/7)

Unit 4 Quiz 2 (11/16)

Unit 4 Test (11/30)

Announcements:

Mrs. Jones will be out on Friday 11/9 for a county math training. I only have 2 more for the year...yah! 😊

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 weekend!

Website: www.tinyurl.com/AFMS-Jones

Math with Ms. Hunter and Ms. Connell:

- **Upcoming Assessments:**

- **Unit 5, Quiz 1 will be on November 9th (covers Lessons 1-8)**

- **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 8 is due Tuesday (11/13).