

November 30, 2018

Happy End-Of-November,
Trooper Families!

School-wide reminders

- 1) **2nd quarter interims will go home Monday, December 3rd. Please be on the lookout for these reports--you will need to sign the cover letter acknowledging that you have seen the information from each class and return the cover letter by Friday, December 7th.**
- 2) **Missing work for the first half of the 2nd quarter will not be accepted after Friday, December 10th. Any missing work after that date will convert to 0s in PowerSchools.**
- 3) **Five Below Fundraiser!! Between December 3rd and December 8th, 10% of the purchases made by AFMS families at the Five Below store at Beaver Creek will be donated back to our school.**
- 4) **Penny Wars continues! 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!**



ELA/Language Arts with Mrs. Gabbard:

This week in ELA, we started a new unit that takes us back to The Middle Ages! Students engaged in discussion about the life and times of Lords, Ladies, Peasants, and Serfs. We spent time working through information about Feudalism and building our background knowledge about this time period.

Moving forward, students will be learning new vocabulary and learning about research skills wrapped around the theme of adversity. We plan to have a mid-unit assessment on December 6th and students will use Google Classroom on December 13 and 14 to write an essay centered around the concept of adversity in The Middle Ages.

Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:

All students will be tested next week. The regular math will be tested on December 4th while the advance class will be tested December 5th. EOG 3 is due December 11th. Students will receive EOG 4 before the holiday's so when we return from the holiday's they will not receive the next EOG worksheet until quarter 3. Have a safe weekend.

Science with Mr. Hipps:

Its ALIVE!!!!

Soil (especially topsoil) is teeming with life. Because of this, scientists often refer to soil as being, "alive." This coming week will be devoted to rocks, minerals and soil. We will complete our Rock On lab on Monday and move from there to soil.

Rocks are classified according to they are formed. Therefore, to understand the rock cycle, you must understand the forces responsible for each rock. For example, igneous rocks are formed form mama or lava cooling into a rock. That makes the forces, melting and cooling.

Like rocks, how soil is formed is huge. Soil is a combination of dissolved minerals, decomposers, water, air spaces, and organic materials. Knowing how water and heat impact this formation process is vital.

Assessment Alert.

Plate tectonics Test 2 on Friday

Key Concepts

1. Convection causes tectonic plate movement.
2. We classify plate boundaries according to how they move.
3. We classify rocks according to how they are formed.
4. 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 onto 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

Social Studies with Mrs. Rabb:

We had a great time exploring Egyptian hieroglyphics and the amazing pyramids! Be sure to visit my website for a link to a virtual tour of the pyramids--it's pretty incredible! We will finish our Egypt unit next week by examining the Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, and New Kingdom time periods as well as the social/class structure during this time. Our unit test for Egypt will be a DBQ (document-based questions) assessment--they will analyze 6-7 documents/images and answer a question or two about each one. After that, they will write an essay based on the documents, their answers, and their learning through the unit. We have had two lessons on answering DBQs (I explained how to answer the question, expectations for responses, etc.), and then we practiced answering these types of questions.

Our next unit will begin on Monday, December 10th, and will cover the Indus Valley Civilization (Ancient India).

Upcoming dates--CHANGED:

December 5th and 6th (Wednesday and Thursday of this coming week)--DBQ (document-based questions) for Ancient Egypt in lieu of our usual unit test

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

Upcoming Topics: This week we will be starting, and completing, our Inequalities Unit. Inequalities and equations have a lot in common with how to solve them and work with them, so because of our extensive work with equations the inequality unit is a much quicker unit. The main difference with inequalities is when you multiply or divide by a negative number the direction of the inequality sign changes. There is no quiz for this unit, only a test.

Assessments:

Unit 5 Test (12/10)

Announcements:

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.

Website: www.tinyurl.com/AFMS-Jones

Math with Ms. Hunter and Ms. Connell:

- Upcoming Assessments:
 - Unit 5 Test will be Monday, Dec. 3rd.
 - Please make sure to check Power School for updated grades
- Topics Covered Next Week:
 - We are wrapping up our Unit 5: Rational Numbers and testing on Monday.
 - 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, there was No Spiral this week. Be on the lookout for Spiral 10 due on 12/10.