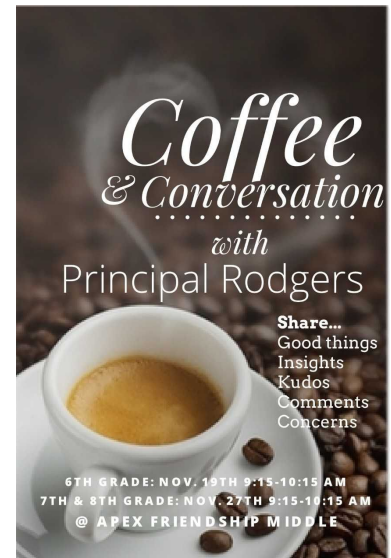


November 9, 2018

Hello, Trooper Families!

School-wide reminders:

- **Monday, November 12, is a holiday in recognition of Veterans' Day. There will be no school that day.**
- **Please read the information about Coffee and Conversation with our amazing principal, Ms. Rodgers.**
- **Mr. Hipps needs donations of FUN-SIZE Milky Way and/or Three Muskateers bars by Thursday, November 15th. Thank you!**
- **Mrs. Rabb would love to have donations of 1.3/1.4/2.5 ounce Pringles cans (not the big ones or the plastic white ones that come in multi-packs....but the other ones!) for an activity in our Egypt unit. Please send them in by Monday, November 19th. Thank you!**



ELA/Language Arts with Mrs. Gabbard:

Creativity was blooming in our ELA classes this week! We had such a great time working on our Lightning Thief creative interpretations of theme. Thank you so much for the awesome donations for this project! Students were thinking "outside the box" to create components of their vision for the connections between our novel and one of two myths we read in class. Students need to finish this at home if they did not finish in class today. Also, a brief(2 paragraphs) written portion is in Google Classroom. Both items should be complete when they return to school on Tuesday, November 13 as they will be participating in a Gallery Walk. Also, students received a permission slip to view the movie version of The Lightning Thief. Please sign and return return the form to me by Wednesday, November 14. If I do not receive the form, or you wish for your child not to view the movie, an alternative assignment will be given.

Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:

News from Mrs. Fig will arrive early next week.

Science with Mr. Hipps:

Rock on Planet Earth

We will be continuing our journey through plate tectonics with a focus upon the three different types of plate movements and subduction. This is where things become more fun and interesting. Understanding the three boundaries (convergent, divergent, transform) is essential to understanding mountains, volcanoes, islands, tsunamis, and earthquakes.

As part of our journey, we will rock on through the rock cycle. Understanding the three ways rocks are formed is essential to understanding this process. If you now how igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks are formed, and identifying Rock on Planet Earth rest is easy.

Assessment Alert

Our big test on Heat & Plate Tectonics will be returned on Tuesday. Our second test on Plate Tectonics will be on Friday November 29th. The major focus of that test will be the types of plate boundaries and what happens at each. Besides plate boundaries, there will also be a strong focus upon the rock cycle and soil formation.

I have partially graded most of the tests. I do have one concern. Several students still can not identify a tectonic plate! A tectonic plate is a section of our earth's lithosphere (crust). Think of it as the cracked shell of an egg.

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 finished up our unit on Ancient Mesopotamia. The unit tests are being graded this week and test corrections can be made next week for anyone who receives below an 80%. I apologize for the delay in grading those October Current Events--my family and I are busy packing up our house to temporarily relocate for four months while our roof/home is being repaired, so I have put grading on the "back burner" for the past ten days. As of this afternoon, the grades I have for the 2nd quarter have been entered into PowerSchools. We spent Friday the 9th using our research, comprehension, and investigative skills to answer our Wonder Wall questions...and any other burning questions! Our 1st Inquiry Friday was a success as the kids asked some great questions!

On Tuesday, we start our unit on Ancient EGYPT! We have TONS of information to learn in engaging and challenging ways.

Upcoming dates:

November 30th--November Current Event due

December 7th--Unit test on Ancient Egypt

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

Upcoming Topics: This week we will finish multi-step equations days 2 and 3 talking about special case solutions, such as no solution and infinitely many solutions. We will also talk about equations with radicals. Videos from class on 11/9 are posted on the website for further review and extra help.

Assessments:

Unit 4 Quiz 2 (11/16)

Unit 4 Test (11/30)

Announcements:

Mrs. Jones will be out on Friday 11/16 for a county math training. I only have 1 more, after this, 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 long weekend! Thank a veteran for their hard work and dedication.

Website: www.tinyurl.com/AFMS-Jones

Math with Ms. Hunter and Ms. Connell:

- **Upcoming Assessments:**
 - **Unit 5, Quiz 1 will be Tomorrow! (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).