

December 7, 2018



What is up with the snow forecast this weekend?!!!

School-wide reminders

1) Field trip payment is due Monday, December 10th. We must have your payment promptly so we can make our 1st payment to the bus and field trip companies. You may send in a check or cash--or pay online.

2) 2nd quarter interims went home Monday, December 3rd. We are still missing some signed cover letters acknowledging that you have seen the information from each class and return the cover letter by Friday, December 7th.

3) Missing work for the first half of the 2nd quarter will not be accepted after Monday, December 10th. Any missing work after that date will convert to 0s in PowerSchools.

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:

We had a very busy week! Students evaluated resources centered around the Middle Ages. We worked through stations about Serfs and Peasants as well as Lords and Ladies. Students researched the different groups and learned about the daily life of these groups. Next week, students will continue to narrow their research question as they write an essay centered around the adversity faced by a group of their choosing with the backdrop of The Middle Ages.

Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:

My advance class will be quizzed on Monday December 10th on adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals. Today they received a review sheet for the quiz which they will need to finish over the weekend. We will go over it just before the quiz on Monday. There will be tested on this Unit on Thursday December 13th.

My regular math will have a quiz on Wednesday December 12th on fractions. They will be tested on fractions December 19th. We have two new Big Dawgs, Core 2 and Core 4. Throughout the next 4-5 weeks I will be giving them free time in class whenever possible, goodies and they will not have to do one of the EOG worksheets for quarter 3. Congratulations to those two cores. Have a safe weekend.

Science with Mr. Hipps:

Catch A Wave

Next week we began our unit on waves. Waves is perhaps our most difficult unit for students. Students find it confusing because waves are difficult to conceptualize. Except for waves moving through water, we generally cannot see them. This makes studying them a little difficult.

Seismic waves, radio waves, visible light waves, sound waves, TV waves are just a few examples of waves we know about but cannot see. We will be spending a lot of time trying to move from the abstract to the concrete.

A way to help make waves more, “concrete” to students is to focus on what they have in common. All waves transfer energy and have common properties like crests, troughs, wavelength, frequency, amplitude, and line at rest. Once you have the similarities down, the differences make it a whole lot easier.

Quiz Friday

This Week’s Key Questions:

- What do all waves have in common?
- What determines the energy in a mechanical wave?
- What determines the energy in an electromagnetic wave?
- How does the human eye respond to light allowing us to see?
- Why does an apple look red?
- What is it exactly, that makes one EM wave different from another?

Social Studies with Mrs. Rabb:

We started the week learning about the three (3) main kingdoms of Ancient Egypt. We also had one more lesson on writing and responding to a DBQ-type assessment. After that, our week was a bit slower than usual as we worked on the DBQ assessment from Wednesday through Friday. Some students have not completed the assessment, so they will be given one more class period to complete the work. After that, we need to begin learning about Ancient India--so any remaining test-takers will have to work during Smart Block next week.

Our unit on India will go through December and take us into January. We will have a mid-term/mid-year exam on what we have covered to date. More details will be sent soon.

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

Upcoming Topics: This week we will be starting Unit 6 on Ratios, Rates, and Proportions. This week we will look at different types of rates and different ways to write them. We will also look at unit rates, what is a better buy, and other applications. Students will be watching a video for Monday (12/10) night's homework to help them prepare for the unit. This video will have some key vocabulary to help set up class discussion on Tuesday (12/11). **Students will need to bring in one bag of regular size, original flavor Skittles for an activity in class on Tuesday.** If purchasing the Skittles is not possible please contact me (rjones11@wcpss.net) and let me know so other arrangements can be made.

Assessments:

Unit 5 Test (12/10)

Announcements:

Skittles for activity on Tuesday (12/11)

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 6 Quiz, Monday 12/10**
 - **Tentative Mid-Unit Assessment 12/19 *subject to change***
 - **Please make sure to check Power School for updated grades**
- **Topics Covered Next Week:**
 - We are moving forward to Unit 6: Expressions, Equations and Inequalities.
 - **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 10 due on 12/10.