

March 8, 2019

Team Announcements: Our field trip is Wednesday, March 13th. We are sending specific information about the trip in a separate email later today (Saturday).

School-wide announcements:

From WCPSS: "This weekend (3/8 – 3/10) was already designated as a scheduled maintenance weekend by the NCDPI. Due to changes in the hosting of the PowerSchool application, we were informed late last week that the maintenance window will extend until 5 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12. This change will mean that PowerSchool and PowerTeacher will not be available to users on Monday, March 11 (this includes parents)."

Spring Picture Day is March 12th.

ELA/Language Arts with Mrs. Gabbard:

Hi parents! I hope all is well in your world and you are doing great! We have been busy with our additional text, Flush! We started reading and have worked through the first seven chapters as of this weekend. This is a fictional text and we will be comparing and contrasting the authors as Mark Kurlansky wrote a nonfiction piece. Students will be finishing up a BreakOut game on Monday to review the current text, learning about plot development, and then an assessment is scheduled for Tuesday. The rest of our week will be busy with the field trip on Wednesday, the Media Center on Thursday, and working through chapter 8 and 9 on Friday. Whew! It makes me tired just writing about the busy week we have upcoming! Have a wonderful week on your end! Mrs. Gabbard

Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:

The testing date for Unit 8 has changed. They will be tested Tuesday March 12th. They will begin Unit 1, Scale Drawings on Thursday March 14th, which is a 7th grade unit. My regular math will have a Mid-Unit Test on Thursday March 14th on Unit 7. Have a great weekend.

Science with Mr. Hipps:

Ecosystems

Our Interconnected Planet, will be our focus as we briefly hit ecosystems next week! We will move briskly though this topic because your students have a working knowledge of food chains and biomes. We will be taking that knowledge to a deeper level. If time permits, we will explore some contemporary issues facing our world, like climate change, pollution, and the current extinction rate of species on our planet.

Assessment Alert

We began the flower test today. Very few students were able to complete both the multiple choice and short answer responses, so we will continue on Monday!

The Final Frontier,

We will be traveling through space very quickly (maybe even by late next week). We will wrap up our space unit by building and launching rockets. You will hear more about that later. Our space unit will revolve around three central themes.

- The relationship between the Earth, Moon, and Sun causes eclipses, tides, and phases.
- Earth's has unique properties that sustain life as we know it.
- Space Technology has enabled us to study objects millions of miles away.

**Science Rocks,
Mark Hipps**

Social Studies with Mrs. Rabb:

We had EXCELLENT conversations this week about Roman social structure, including how a society determines a person's value. We tied this learning into how we as a society divide people into "classes" today. Although our social structure in America is not "formalized" like it was in ancient Rome, the kids decided we do divide people by gender, race, religion, geography, profession, motivation...their ideas were thoughtful and personal. We also are finishing lessons on leadership--we are developing a description of an effective leader and then applying our standard of leadership to Julius Caesar. Was he or was he not an effective leader? Again, we had great discussions this week. I am very proud of the commitment to learning that our kids have exhibited!!

Anticipated unit test (multiple choice) on Rome and Greece = Tuesday, March 19th

The next Current Event will be assigned on March 8th and will be due March 29th.

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

Upcoming Topics: This week we will be continuing Unit 9 and we will be moving into the 3-D portion of the unit. We will start with surface area and then move into finding volume. We will be working with prisms, cylinders, cones, pyramids, and spheres.

Assessments:

Unit 8 Project (Linear Art) - Peer Review of Equations Due 3/13, Final Project Due 3/15

*The Peer Review of Equations can be done through a student reviewing the information on a computer or a print out. There is a checklist on the rubric for the peer to fill out when reviewing the information. If the rubric has been lost students can find an additional copy on my website. The peer review is there so that the student is using at least the minimum requirements.

Unit 9 Quiz - 3D Figures (3/19)

Announcements:

SMART Block Schedule

*Please make note that students will be pre-stamped this week to make up instructional time from field trip days. 6th grade teachers have been made aware of this schedule to help reduce any overlap of teachers needing students.

Monday - Warriors

Tuesday - Troopers

Wednesday - Warriors and Raiders

Thursday - Troopers

*Friday (in class) - I will meet with Raiders to answer any questions from missed material on Thursday.