

Hello, Trooper Families!

We are hopeful that you all have made it through this crazy week and the devastating storm with little damage....and that relatives and friends in the eastern part of our state will continue to recover with our help.

PICTURE DAY IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH!! Purchase information and envelopes were sent home today!

Curriculum Night has been MOVED to Tuesday, October 9th. See details at bottom of newsletter!

ELA/Language Arts with Mrs. Gabbard:

Our week was shortened just a bit, but we managed to cover a large amount of material. The students worked very hard on the "One Pager" activity that will be due on Monday. Also, we started our study of mythology by reading "Shrouded in Myth". We will spend one or two more class periods working through that short text before we begin The Lightning Thief! Students will need to be checking the website and writing all assignments in their agendas as it is crucial for students to complete the homework so they are prepared for the next days' work and discussion. If students are absent, please remind them Smart Block is available to help them catch up or to have extra work time on assignments.

Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:

With the storm some of the assessment dates have been pushed back. Unit 1 Test for the advance class is September 27th. The regular math class will have their Mid-Term Test on Tuesday September 25st. My advance class will begin Unit 2 Ratios and Proportions on September 28th. The first EOG worksheet was due September 18th. Not all students turned one in. EOG worksheet 2 is due October 2nd. Please ensure your child is completing the EOG worksheets. Thank-you parents for all your support. Have a safe weekend.

Science with Mr. Hipps:

The Heat is ON! Our main focus this week will center on heat, density, and phase change. We will also be looking at physical and chemical changes. The pace will quicken, so it is important for students to keep up with the vocabulary so that we can incorporate more activity based lessons in class. Students must thoroughly understand that heat moves from high to low temperature until thermal equilibrium is reached. It is also vital that students recognize the three main types of heat transfer (conduction, convection, and radiation). Recognizing how Heat transfer impacts density is a key concept.

It is vital for students to remember that molecules move in all states of matter! This movement causes thermal energy (even in ice). Adding or subtracting heat will impact molecule movement. Molecule movement in turn can cause a change in phase (for example heat can turn a liquid into a gas). My favorite phase change is sublimation and it will probably be your student's favorite as well.

FYI, I have graded ½ of today's quizzes today. It will be returned on Monday. Most students did very well, but several did not learn basic terms like atoms, compounds, elements, density, volume, mass, weight, and matter. These were given multiple times and students were given the exact definitions. Please encourage your student to spend some time studying terms at home. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE....**

Matter Test I: Tuesday Wednesday October 3rd .

Matter Quiz II: Quiz Retake: Friday September 28.

Student Learning Objectives:

I can explain that Density is determined by how much matter is stuffed into a defined space.

I can compare an element to a compound.

I can compare and contrast atoms, molecules, and elements.

I can explain how a gas, liquid, and solid are different on a molecular level.

I can analyze a description or diagram of molecule movement and determine the phase

Science Rocks,

Mr. Hipps

Social Studies with Mrs. Rabb:

Using our comprehension strategies for reading informational texts (that we all learned in elementary school!), we continue to work through Chapter 1 of our textbook. Outlining as a method for note-taking has been modeled several times. Kids are still struggling to understand/process, but are working hard on learning this skill! Photos of my notes from the "First People PowerPoint" are on my website for students who have not finished that work. Our 1st notebook check was today, and most students were well-prepared and organized. I was impressed!

We will begin a short, in-class research project on the geography of early civilizations starting next week. Students will be assigned a civilization to research and will prepare a group presentation in Google Slides.

Map Quiz retakes: Students have been stamped to come see me during Smart Block on either Monday or Tuesday if they would like to have another chance at the map quiz.

Unit Test: Five Themes of Geography and Map Skills, Wednesday, September 26th

We reviewed the study guide in class today (it was given as homework on Tuesday), and the answers are also on my website

Current Event: Please remember the Current Event is due this coming Friday, September 28th.

Flipgrid--Make sure you are checking out the information about Flipgrid on my website. I've had several AMAZING videos submitted so far!!! This activity is not a requirement, but something I thought the kids would really enjoy!

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

Upcoming Topics: This week we will start Unit 2. This week's topics will include divisibility rules, prime factorization, greatest common factor, least common multiple, and converting fractions to decimals.

Assessments:

Unit 1 Test (9/24)

Unit 2 Assessments:

Unit 2 Quiz 1 (9/27) - This will include all of this week's topics except working with fractions and decimals

Unit 2 Quiz 2 (10/5) - This will include fraction and decimal operations

Unit 2 Test (10/12)

Announcements:

I will not be in class on Monday 9/24 and Wednesday 9/26 due to county math trainings. If you have any questions or concerns please email me.

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/AFMS-Jones>

Remind 101: Text @jones6p7p to 81010

Math with Ms. Hunter and Ms. Connell:

- **Upcoming Assessments:**
 - **Ms. Hunter:** Wednesday, Sept. 26th
 - **Mrs. Connell:**
 - **Please make sure to check Power School for updated grades**
- **Topics Covered Next Week:**
 - For the upcoming week we will be continuing with our Unit 1: Scale Drawings. We will be pressing forward to Unit 2: Introduction of Proportional Relationships next week. Please make sure to bring your **GREEN workbook EVERYDAY to class.**
 - **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 Monday starting with **Monday, September 24th**

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Sign Up for Free/Reduced-price Meals

Dear Parent:

This is a message from Wake County Public School System Child Nutrition for families about school meals.

If your student is eating school meals this year after receiving meals benefits last year, the 2017-18 benefits will expire **Tuesday, October 9.**

Please be sure to apply now for 2018-19 benefits. The process is even easier now with online applications for free and reduced price school meals. Go to www.wcpss.net/meals to determine if your student qualifies and then complete the online application. Paper copies of the application are also available at the school.

join us for our

CURRICULUM NIGHT
Tuesday

OCTOBER 9TH
2018

*Apex Friendship
Middle School*

SCHEDULE

5:00 -6:00
Food trucks & school information

Power school, volunteer, spirit wear

5:30-6:00
AIG (Academically Gifted) meeting for parents
in media center.

6:00-8:00
Curriculum overview for all parents-walk
your child's schedule.



-Desired Outcomes-

Meet your child's teacher
Receive curriculum information
Learn how to help your child succeed