



October 20, 2023

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

I hope this message finds you in good spirits. While these past 2-3 days have been lovely, the Fall weather is taking over our West Seattle neighborhood. A gentle reminder to make sure students are bringing jackets (**EVERY DAY!**) in case of rainy weather. Also, be sure to write names in jackets/sweatshirts so lost items can find their way home. Our lost and found is filling up quickly.

Homeroom Updates:

- **Mid-Trimester Reports:** Students will be coming home with their Mid-Trimester Reports and Fall Maps testing scores. We ask that students **return the envelope by Wednesday 10/25**. Please note that on the Mid-Trimester Report you will see a section which shows students grades from Alma. There will also be a section for "Behavior and Work Skills". This section will not be on the Report Card for Trimester 1. It is however an area that students are working on constantly. Students also do a self-reflection of how they feel they are doing in these areas. The marks on the Mid-Trimester Report are a reflection of how the teachers feel they are doing in those areas.
- **Technology Access at Home** - As part of the instructional program our 5th - 8th grade students need access to a device (iPad, tablet, chromebook, computer) at home to use programs such as ALEKS and Google Classroom. If your child does not have access to a device at home, we can help! Please reach out to me as the homeroom teacher if you need a device to borrow to use at home. Thank you!
- **Absent?** - As stated in the family handbook, teachers will not be able to give work ahead of time for a known absence. When you are absent, please refer to the Matrix to see what you missed for each class. Students can also check in with their teachers when they return to school.
- **Birthdays** - We all love celebrating birthdays but wanted to let you know we can NOT celebrate birthdays with treats in class. This has been a policy in 6th grade

for many years. Don't worry, we will be sure to make their day special in other ways at school.

Curriculum Updates:

Math (Mrs. H):

Monday: *4.1 Powers and Roots
Tuesday: *4.2 Negative Exponents
Wednesday: *4.3 Multiply and Divide Monomials
Thursday: *4.4 Scientific Notation
Friday: *4.5 Compute with Scientific Notation (Day 1)

Math (Mrs. C): Next week, we will spend a few days reviewing Chapter 1, Ratios and Rates, and have our **Chapter 1 test on Thursday 10/26**. Please remind your student to finish 10 topics and 2 hours for the second **ALEKS check** on the year on **Wednesday, 10/25**

Math (Mr. W): Hello HRS families. Next week, we will finish chapter one thusly:

Monday: 1.6 -- finish Equivalent Ratios, and do more practice.
Tuesday: 1.7 -- Ratio and Rate Problems
Wednesday: Chapter one test review
Thursday: Chapter one test review
Friday: Begin **chapter one test**.
Have a great weekend!

ELA: We will take notes and discuss the last of the story elements, inferencing, on Monday and do a few activities Tuesday-Thursday to get us ready for our **story elements test on Friday, October 27th**. We will also start our second vocabulary unit next week.

Social Studies: Next week we will continue to work on Lesson 5, The Rise of Sumerian City-States. Students have been working on Lesson 5, Reading Notes in class. The study guide for this lesson is on Google Classroom and it is actually quite detailed. Students should be following the study guide to prepare for the test for homework. The **test on 10/26**.

Science: Students will demonstrate Newton's third law of motion by building and flipping origami grasshoppers. They will demonstrate Newton's second law of motion by comparing the jumping ability of paper grasshoppers of different masses. Next, students will apply the law of conservation of energy to explain how energy transfers during a collision. They will use bumper cars to show how when objects collide, one exerts a force on the other that may cause a transfer of energy.

Religion: 6th graders will define Original Sin and temptation. They will discover the new Adam. They are able to tell about **God's covenant with** his people and talk about

some ways in which families and friends demonstrated faithfulness.

Calendar Updates:

- Oct 21st - Fall Open House
- Oct 24th - Picture Retakes
- Oct 27th - Movie Night
- Nov 1st - All Saint Mass
- Nov 10th - No School (Veterans Day)

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Chiodo and Mr. Williams