



November 3, 2023

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

We had a very busy week with a fun Halloween party, a beautiful All Saints Mass, our first prayer service, and lots of tests. Students are working on transitioning quietly from class to class and keeping their noise level at the recommended level.

Homeroom Updates:

- **Conferences:** Conference sign-ups went out on November 1st. Please be sure to sign up for a time that works best for you. We are looking forward to celebrating your wonderful children during conference week.
- **Conference Questionnaire:** Your child should be giving you a questionnaire to fill out for conferences. We ask that you read over your child's answers and fill out the parent survey. We use these surveys to find out if there is a better way to support your child this year or if there are any concerns we are not aware of. We would like to have these surveys (both the parent and student survey) back by Thursday, November 9th.
- **Halloween** - Thank you parents for throwing an amazing Halloween party. We had so many smiles throughout the day. If you feel you have too much candy, the 8th graders are collecting CANDY through November 7th to distribute to the Seafarers who traverse the oceans and are gone for long periods of time bringing goods to the Port of Seattle. Even a few pieces of candy could cheer up a Seafarer.
- **Mid-Trimester Reports:** Don't forget to return the signed mid-trimester envelopes to homeroom teachers. We are still missing a few.

Curriculum Updates:

Math (Mrs. H):

Monday: *No class - Play.

Tuesday: *5.1 Ratios

Wednesday: *5.2 Unit Rates

Thursday: *5.3 Complex Fractions
Friday: *Veterans Day

Math (Mrs. C): Next week, we will continue chapter two: Fractions, Decimals, and Percents. Students will learn to order fractions, decimals, and percentages as well as solve percent problems.

Math (Mr. W): Hello HRS families. Next week, we are continuing chapter two: Fractions, Decimals, and Percents.

Monday: morning play (no math)

Tuesday: 3.3--Percents and Decimals

Wednesday: 3.4--Percents Greater than 100% and Percents Less than 1%

Thursday: 3.5--Compare and Order Fractions, Decimals, and Percents

Friday: no school

Have a nice weekend!

ELA: We will begin our scary personal narrative essays next week. Students will have 3 class periods to work on their essays which will be due on Monday, November 13th. Directions for the essay will be in Google Classroom. Students should be finished reading their Book Buffet book by November 8th. They will use class time November 13-15 to work on the writing portion. Students will need to work on some of the writing at home. They can start planning their visuals for the Book buffet this weekend to get ahead. The writing does not need to be finished to start the visuals. The Book Buffet is due on Friday, November 17th.

Social Studies: We are working hard learning about Ancient Sumer in Lesson 6. Students are analyzing artifacts found in the city-State of Ur to see if the artifacts show evidence of the seven characteristics of a civilization. Social Studies Test Lesson 6 11/14. Study guide will be on Google Classroom on 11/7. We will also be learning about Cuneiform writing. Students will be writing a message in English and they will then translate it into Cuneiform. We will be using the Assyrian form. Then we will make clay tablets in class on 11/16.

Science: Students will conduct controlled experiments. In a controlled experiment, all the variables are kept the same except one, allowing the experimenter to observe the effect of that one variable on the outcome. Students will identify variables that might affect the number of passengers (pennies) a paper cup boat can hold without sinking. They will learn to measure the capacity of the paper cup boats. Students will also conduct controlled experiments to determine the relationship between the capacity of a boat and the number of passengers it can hold.

Religion: This week, 6th graders will wrap up God's Faithfulness lessons with a Unit Review work in class. They will also share about Noah's Ark project with a . We will also talk about the **Communion of Saints** (chapter 19). Prayer to Know God's Will is due on Nov. 13.

Calendar Updates:

- Nov 10th - No School (Veterans Day)
- November 20th-22nd – Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences(regular school not in session/BASE Open)
- November 23rd-24th – Thanksgiving Break, No school (No BASE)
- November 24th – Tree Lot Opens

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Chiodo and Mr. Williams