



October 27, 2022

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

We appreciate families looking over mid-trimester reports with their children. This is a good time for students to reflect on their progress so far, and celebrate their strengths. With that, we want our students to also think about ways in which they can grow and improve socially and academically. Students can see the behavior categories, on which they were graded 1-3. We'd like to see students increase ones and twos this trimester, and throughout the year. Thanks for your support at home. On a different note, we're looking forward to celebrating Halloween on October 31st. Thanks to our awesome room parents for sharing their creativity and time to give students something special to look forward to. Have a great week!

[Homeroom Updates:](#)

- **Conferences:** Conference sign-ups will be sent out at 11:00 AM on November 1st. For your planning purposes, the schedule will be as follows: Monday, November 20th: 8:00 – 3:20; Tuesday, November 21st: 10:00 – 6:20; Wednesday, November 22nd: 8:00 – 11:20. You may sign up to do a Zoom conference during the allotted conference time if you will be out of town.
- **Halloween Reminders:** Students may come to school in Halloween Free Dress (Halloween themed or colors: orange, black, purple). Costumes and face paint are not allowed. We will have a Halloween party on Tuesday, October 31st.
- **Mid-Trimester Reports:** don't forget to return the signed mid-trimester envelopes to homeroom teachers. Also, be sure to remove the paperwork inside.

[Curriculum Updates:](#)

Math (Mrs. H):

Monday: *4.6 Square and Cube Roots

Tuesday: *4.7 The Real Number System

Wednesday: *Review (Day 1)
Thursday: *Review (Day 2)
Friday: *Ch. 4 Test

Math (Mrs. C): We will begin Chapter 2, Fractions, Decimals, and Percents. Students will learn to convert between fractions, decimals, and percents as well as compare and order fractions, decimals, and percents and solve percent equations.

Math (Mr. W): Next week, we will finish up chapter one, and begin chapter two: Fractions, Decimals, and Percents
Monday: finish chapter one test.
Tuesday: 2.1 – Decimals and Fractions
Wednesday: 2.2–Percents and Fractions
Thursday: 2.3–Percents and Decimals
Friday: 2.4–Percents Greater than 100% and Less Than 1%
Thursday: 2.5–Compare and Order Fractions, Decimals, and Percents.
Have a great weekend

ELA: We will begin our Fears and Phobias unit on Monday. Students will practice close reading skills with a few different short stories and informational text about fears and phobias. They will finish the unit writing descriptive scary personal narrative essays. Students will follow the plot diagram to write their essay, ending it with a good theme statement. Reminder, students also have the unit 2 vocabulary practice due on Thursday, November 2nd, and a vocabulary test on Friday, November 3rd. Students need to finish reading their Book Buffet books by November 8th.

Social Studies: Next week we will begin Lesson 6, Ancient Sumer. In this lesson, our classroom will become the archeological site of the Sumerian City-State Ur. Students will be examining artifacts to explain if they are examples of the 7 characteristics of a highly civilized society. Students may wear an “Archeologists Hat” for class.

Essential Question: *Why do historians classify ancient Sumer as a civilization?*

Objectives

Social Studies

- Analyze artifacts from ancient Sumer and explain how they are examples of the characteristics of civilization.
- Identify agricultural inventions that allowed Sumerian city-states to create a stable food supply and a complex society.
- Explain the relationship between religion and the social and political order in Sumer.

- Explain the evolution of Sumerian written language, from pictographs to cuneiform. (Students will make their own cuneiform tablet and write a message in cuneiform.)
- Apply the characteristics of civilization to modern-day society.

Language Arts

- Offer persuasive evidence to validate conclusions.
- Support opinions with detailed evidence.

Science: Students will create posters describing each of Newton's three laws of motion. Students will use these posters and notes taken in class to prepare for a quiz on energy, force & motion next Friday (11/3)

Religion: 6th graders will deepen their understanding about the covenant, God's faithfulness and the church highlighted in the story of Noah and the Ark.

Calendar Updates:

- Oct 27th - Movie Night
- Nov 1st - All Saint Mass
- Nov 3rd - 8th Grade Pizza Lunch
- 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