



November 17, 2023

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

Students have been reflecting on this year. Students thought carefully about the work they've done, and how they can use that work to determine goals for the rest of their year. We are proud of your children for their hard work, and look forward to celebrating their successes, and discussing areas of growth at conferences. We wish you a happy (early) Thanksgiving! Safe travels to any families that are vacationing. See you next week!

[Homerom Updates:](#)

- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** We are looking forward to seeing everyone next week. Please reach out to homeroom teachers with any questions/concerns regarding conference week.
- **The Scholastic Book Fair** is coming November 20-22. The Book Fair will be held in the school library during conference hours: Monday 8-3:30, Tuesday 10-6:30, and Wednesday 8-12:30. Scholastic is sending new books, posters and other fun merchandise. This might be a great opportunity to find some holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **Food Drive** In the spirit of giving thanks, please join us in supporting our local community struggling with food insecurity. Holy Rosary School will host a schoolwide November food drive to support our local Saint Vincent de Paul chapter, who serves families in West Seattle.
 - The following items are needed most and may be dropped off on the table inside the school entry:
 - Peanut butter (16oz)
 - Macaroni and Cheese
 - Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna
 - Boxed Cereal, Boxed Oatmeal (instant packets)
 - Pasta including canned pasta (spaghetti'o etc.)
 - Tomato Sauce/Spaghetti Sauce/ Packaged Sauce mixes
 - Hearty Soups
 - Canned Vegetables
 - Canned Fruit

- Crackers (Ritz, Saltines, etc.)
- Pork and Beans, Chili
- Rice, Rice a Roni, Knorr Rice Sides
- Instant Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Mix
- Stovetop Dressing

Curriculum Updates:

Math (Mrs. H):

Monday: *5.7 Proportions (Day 2)

Tuesday: *5.8 Scale Drawings and Models

Wednesday: *5.9 Similar Figures

Thursday: *5.10 Indirect Measurement

Friday: *ALEKS review of the week

Math (Mrs. C): We finished a very hard Chapter 2 yesterday and students did well. We will start Chapter 4 when we get back to the break. Students will learn how to multiply and divide fractions for this next chapter.

Math (Mr. W): Hello HRS families. When we return from Thanksgiving Break, we will finish chapter two on fractions, decimals, and percents. I decided to do two review days this past week to help students grasp the concepts in this chapter. We will have the chapter two test towards the end of the week. Have a great break.

ELA: When we get back from Thanksgiving break, students will be working on Christmas persuasive speeches. We will review the difference between facts and opinions and learn the structure of persuasive writing (hook, claim, 3 reasons and facts for each reason, a counter argument, and a strong conclusion). We will also take notes on PVLEGS to be sure students know the 6 elements of giving a great speech. Students will also have an opportunity to add visuals to their speeches to make them more persuasive. Students will give their speeches to their classes live and in person the 2nd week we get back.

Social Studies: Lesson 7: Exploring 4 Mesopotamian Empires

We will be moving on to lesson 7. Students will be learning about the 4 Mesopotamian Empires. They will be working in groups to create a presentation using a variety of methods (in which they can choose) to teach the other students in the class about their empire.

Essential Question

What were the most important achievements of the Mesopotamian empires?

Objectives

Social Studies

- Identify the location of the Akkadian, Babylonian, Assyrian, and Neo-Babylonian Empires.
- Describe the military, economic, and cultural achievements of early Mesopotamian empires, such as Hammurabi's Code.
- Evaluate the importance of Mesopotamian achievements.

Language Arts

- Relate the speaker's verbal communication to the nonverbal message.

Science: Students are investigating the circulatory system in the human body. Students will learn how human cells get oxygen and get rid of the waste gas carbon dioxide. Students will complete a study guide in class to prepare for a future quiz.

Religion: 6th graders will continue to learn about Journeys of Faith in the story of Abraham and Sarah. We will also talk about Prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments and the Church as essential parts of their growth in the journeys of faith.

Calendar Updates:

- Nov 17th - Noon Dismissal
- Nov 20th-22nd – Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences(regular school not in session/BASE Open)
- Nov 23rd-24th – Thanksgiving Break, No school (No BASE)
- Nov 24th – Tree Lot Opens
- Dec 8th - Report Cards
- Dec 14th - Christmas Program
- Dec 15th - Noon Dismissal (No PM BASE)
- Dec 18th-Jan 1st - Christmas Break

We hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Chiodo and Mr. Williams