



March 8, 2024

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

Time is flying by, and Monday will be the start of our last trimester in 6th grade. We want to be sure we finish strong, getting assignments in on time and doing our best work. One thing to look forward to is that 6th grade will be taking over the readings at Mass after Easter Break. We will ask for volunteers in class, and they will get special training. We will try to get through as many students as possible, but if your child does not get picked this year, they will have the opportunity in 7th and 8th grade. We are also super excited for 6th grade camp at Miracle Ranch. More information to come.

Homeroom Updates:

Bingo Night: We are so excited to host Bingo Night again this year. The celebration will take place on Friday, April 12th. You can sign your child up through the EFC starting next week.

Lenten Service Project and Free Dress Fridays:

During Lent, we strive to intentionally focus on serving others in need. As a school, we will do two things to focus on serving those in need during Lent.

First, we will take up a special collection on five Fridays during Lent to support Father Dunstan and his school in Kenya. You may remember Father Dunstan who was with us for a school Mass in January and who celebrated Christmas Masses with us. Father Dunstan has a school in Kenya and they are trying to build a kitchen in order to keep their food safe from pesky animals to feed their students. Our students will get to learn more about this in class. On these Fridays in Lent (2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, and 3/22) **students may come to school in free dress if they bring in a donation (minimum \$1)** to support this important need in Kenya. We strongly encourage students to **earn \$1** each week doing some act of service around their home. This way they will connect their own service to their almsgiving. Students may come in uniform on these days if they choose not to participate, and please no free dress passes these Fridays.

Second, we will continue our tradition of supporting a local men's shelter in Seattle, St. Martin de Porres. We will take up collections as follows (optional as well, but encourage participation if possible). We will deliver the donations from our school to St. Martins each of these Fridays.

Fri. March 15th:

Last Names A-L: Men's socks

Last Names M-Z: Brown Bag Lunches (perishable OK)

Fri. March 22nd:

Last Names A-L: Men's deodorant (regular or travel sized) or Brown Bag Lunches (perishable OK)

Last Names M-Z: Men's deodorant (regular or travel sized) or Brown Bag Lunches (perishable OK)

Rice Bowls: Rice Bowls were sent home last week. Thank you in advance for making any contribution. Please note, do not put your family name on the rice bowl.

Egg Cartons: Students will be learning about the last supper soon, and we need empty egg cartons for a project. Our goal is two dozen, full-sized egg cartons. Send with your child ASAP. Thank you.

Curriculum Updates:**Math (Mrs. H):**

Monday: *Review (Day 2)

Tuesday: *Ch. 9 Test: Linear Equations

Wednesday: *10.1 Measures of Center

Thursday: *10.2 Measures of Variations

Friday: *10.2 (Day 2)

Math (Mrs. C): We have been reviewing for the Chapter 8 test. We will spend one more day reviewing on Monday and have the Chapter 8 test Tuesday, March 12th. We will start Chapter 9 on Wednesday. Chapter 9 is the beginning of our Geometry Unit, learning about perimeter, area, and volume.

Math (Mr. W): Hello HRS families, next week we will begin continue chapter 8:

Functions and Inequalities

Monday: 8.2 Function Rules

Tuesday: 8.3 Functions and Equations

Wednesday: 8.4 Multiple Representations of Functions

Thursday: Mid-Chapter Check

Friday: 8.5 Inequalities

Have a great weekend!

ELA: We will be starting our 4th vocabulary unit on Monday. The memory books are due Tuesday and we will spend the day in small groups sharing our favorite memories. On Wednesday, we will start our Figurative Language unit with black out poetry. Students will use a page from *The Giver* to strategically blackout words to make a poem. Please be sure your child is reading their book they chose for the next book

report. This book report will be due after spring break. I will be discussing the book report later next week.

Social Studies: Next week we will continue to work on our Egyptian gods slideshow, which is due on March 14th. We will also be learning about Egyptian Hieroglyphs and the discovery of the "Rosetta Stone" that ultimately helped in the deciphering of this ancient writing. Students will also watch an educational video that will serve as a review of our study of Ancient Egypt.

Science: Students will take a test on mixtures and solutions based on their experiments and notes they have taken in class, Tuesday, March 12th. Students begin a unit on Astronomy. Students will discover how Earth's motion relates to the cycles of day and night, the annual seasons, and the predictably changing positions of planets and constellations in the night sky.

Religion: In the next two weeks 6th graders will explore Jesus' Last Supper story, the Institution of the Eucharist, and the symbolism portrayed in Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting. We will also talk about the Great Commandment.

Note: Please save your empty egg cartons and send it with your child, if you have any. Thank you!

Calendar Updates:

- Mar 20th - Parens Club Meeting
- Mar 22nd - Report Cards
- Mar 29th - Noon Dismissal
- Apr 1st-5th - Spring Break
- April 25-26 - 6th Grade Camp

Have a wonderful weekend!

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