SMS Grade 6 Newsletter March 27, 2023





Take a look to see what we've been working on! Keep scrolling to see pictures from last week!

Social Studies: Mr. Codair

We begun our unit about Central America, and the Caribbean Islands. We have explored the Greater and Lesser Antilles and can successfully identify 14 of these islands. In addition to this, we also have learned a bit about the life of some famous pirates as well! Students wrote a biography about some famous pirates in preparation for our own Treasure hunt which will happen next week. We had a great week in Social Studies!

Language Arts: Mrs. Dowe

This week we began building our argumentative writing skills by analyzing a Scholastic article titled, "Should Robots Look Like Humans?". Students were given a side to argue and used text evidence to support their argument. We also watched some video clips of one of the robots featured in the article known as Sophia the Robot, who actually has over 200,000 Instagram followers!

To enhance our argumentative skills, we are generating a mock trial for the "Big Bad Wolf" based on The *True Story of the Three Little Pigs by* Jon Scieszka. We have three teams working on the case, a legislative team (consisting of a judge, bailiff, and jury members), a defense team (consisting of two lawyers, Alexander T. Wolf, and Grandma Wolf), and a prosecution team (consisting of two lawyers, straw pig, stick pig, brick pig, the news reporter who blew the story out of proportion, and a police officer). We will facilitate a mock trial next week if all goes well.

Chapter 8 vocabulary is due Friday, March 31st. Reading Log due Monday, April 3rd.

Library Media: Mrs. Harter Students have new makerspace Science: Mrs. Hopkins

Math: Mr. Felch

This week, students finished studying integers, rational numbers, and absolute value and took a summative assessment on Tuesday. Grades are posted on Powerschool. We are now studying the coordinate plane, with emphasis on plotting and locating points.

Packet 14 will be assigned this coming Monday and is due Friday, March 31st. Please ensure your child is working on this packet (20-30 minutes) each night.

Extra help is every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30-3:25. I kindly ask that students let me know in advance if they plan on attending. Extra help can be used to work on current class work or their current math packet that is due each week.

Special Education Case Manager:

making jungle animals out of straws, birds nest with 3D pens, fast food restaurants out of LEGOS, and remote control three wheelers! Ask your child about makerspace! In class we are becoming "experts" in one area of the nonfiction shelves. We will share our information with the class so we can become experts in all the nonfiction areas. In Mrs. Harter's ISE students are creating with LEGO robotics. So far we have seen Kiki the dog and the breakdancer!	Students were introduced to weather fronts this week and the type of weather they bring to an area. We are working our way up to analyzing weather maps in order to forecast the weather. Students were working on 2 assignments this week that should be complete on Google Classroom. The barometer questions and the weather map symbols & questions. Please encourage your student to check-in on Google Classroom to check for completion.	Ms. Zammer Please know that I am available to help all students and I regularly consult with the team of teachers. Feel free to contact me anytime.
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Reminders:

- Please dress appropriately for the weather.
- The permission slip and \$20 for the field trip to the Fisher Cats in May is due ASAP. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

At-Home Conversation Starters you can ask your kids:

- What book are you independently reading right now?
- What is *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*?
- What team are you on in
- How many minutes do you have on your reading log?
- Share a success that you had this week.
- What is a loonie?
- What does culture mean to you?
- What are the ancient civilizations of Mesoamerica?
- How is life in Mexico similar to life in the US? How is it different?
- Where and when do you plan on doing your homework for math?
- Do you have to line up the decimals when multiplying?
- Do you have to line up the decimals when adding and subtracting?
- How is math used in Scratch coding?
- What creates high and low pressure systems?
- What type of weather is associated with high and low pressure systems?
- What are the 4 types of weather fronts?

- What weather map symbols are used to represent weather warm and cold fronts?
- What are you doing in makerspace?

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