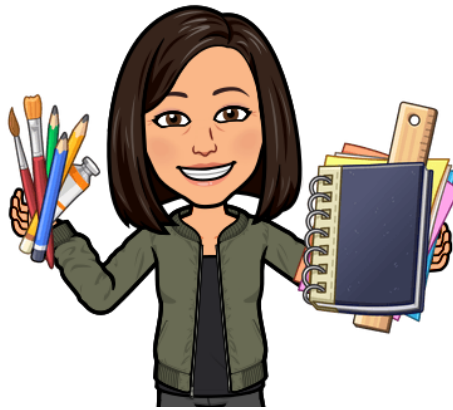


CLASSROOM UPDATES



JANUARY 8–19, 2024

LITERACY

Non-Fiction Unit of Study

We will begin reading and discussing Freedom Walkers, a nonfiction book that highlights key figures in the Civil Rights Movement. We will practice using the nonfiction signposts we've been learning about to help us think about nonfiction on a deeper level. In addition, mini-lessons will focus on vocabulary development, using text features, and identifying the different text structures of nonfiction writing like cause/effect, chronological order, problem/solution, and main idea/supporting details.

Writer's Workshop: Writing Fiction

Students continue to enjoy various read alouds that model features of good fiction writing which include interesting characters, creative plots, and thoughtful endings. Mini lessons in the coming days will focus on conventions such as punctuating dialogue, maintaining a consistent verb tense, and using either first- OR third- person point of view as we begin work on publishing fiction stories.

MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

Unit 6: Volume

The new year will begin with a review and mid-year assessment of skills covered in Units 1–5. The class will then start work on Unit 6. In this unit students will develop their understanding of three-dimensional figures and learn to measure volume and capacity of rectangular prisms and composite solids.

BIG IDEAS MATH with MRS. CIONI

Unit 6: Integers

In this unit, students will describe quantities with positive and negative numbers, compare and order integers and absolute value numbers, and graph ordered pairs in all four quadrants of the coordinate plane.

HISTORY

Chapter 13: The Revolutionary War

We will start discussing the battles, results, and effects of the American Revolutionary War, and what factors helped the colonists win the war.

UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ January 6 Happy 1/2 Birthday, Isaac!
- ✓ January 8 No School: Institute
- ✓ January 9 Classes resume
- ✓ January 15 No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- ✓ January 19 Frozen auditions begin: Stage Crew interviews
- ✓ January 22 Happy 1/2 Birthday, Alex!
- ✓ January 22 Frozen auditions: King Agnarr & Queen Iduna
- ✓ January 24 Frozen auditions: Hans
- ✓ January 25 Frozen auditions: Kristoff
- ✓ January 26 Frozen auditions: Olaf (Day 1)
- ✓ January 29 Frozen auditions: Olaf (Day 2)
- ✓ January 31 Happy Birthday, Asaf!
- ✓ February 1 Frozen auditions: Anna
- ✓ February 2 Frozen auditions: Elsa
- ✓ February 5 Frozen auditions: Callbacks
- ✓ February 9 Frozen cast announced!

If at any time you or your child have any questions regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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