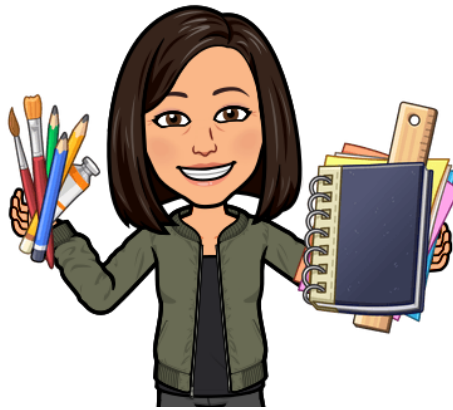


# CLASSROOM UPDATES



JANUARY 22–FEBRUARY 2, 2024

## LITERACY

### *Non-Fiction Unit of Study*

We will continue reading and discussing Freedom Walkers, a nonfiction book that highlights key figures in the Civil Rights Movement. Mini-lessons 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.

### *January Free Choice Novel*

Students have selected a novel to read during the month of January. **Students are expected to record a “Book Talk” on Flip by January 31.** Directions for the “Book Talk” were sent home in backpack mail on Monday.

### *February Book Clubs/LMC Project*

On Monday, January 29, students will be selecting a historical fiction novel to read throughout the month of February. Students will then be completing an analysis of the book during LMC that will involve research to determine which parts of the story were historically accurate and which parts were fiction.

### *Writer’s Workshop: Writing Fiction*

Students have begun the publishing process for this unit. This week they will be finishing their rough drafts. Next week, we will be working on revision assignments. Students look forward to sharing their work with you at Parent–Teacher conferences in a few weeks.

## MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

### *Unit 6: Volume*

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. **There will be a test next week.** Mrs. McLoone will be reaching out with details.

## 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. **There is a Unit 6 test scheduled on Tuesday, January 30 .**

## SCIENCE

### *Investigating Matter*

We are excited to begin our unit on investigating matter as a class. This is a hands-on, messy yet fun, unit of exploration. During these first two weeks, investigations and experiments will have students learning about the properties of solids, liquids, and gasses.

## UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ 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 2 Candor Health Education "Puberty I" presentation
- ✓ February 5 Frozen auditions: Callbacks
- ✓ February 9 Frozen cast announced!
- ✓ February 12 Assembly: PTA brings us Ayodele Drum and Dance!
- ✓ February 14 Valentine's Day party
- ✓ February 15 No School: Parent-Teacher conferences
- ✓ February 16 No School: Parent-Teacher conferences
- ✓ February 19 No School: President's Day

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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