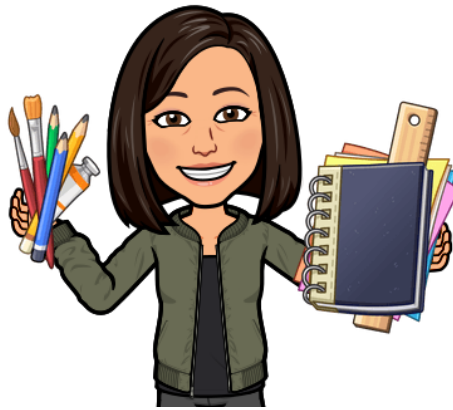


# CLASSROOM UPDATES



FEBRUARY 5-16, 2024

## LITERACY

### *Non-Fiction Unit of Study*

This week we will wrap up our reading and discussions of Freedom Walkers, a nonfiction book that highlights key figures in the Civil Rights Movement. I have been impressed with the thoughtful conversations students have been having with me and each other. In addition to their discussions, students have really been working hard on developing their written responses to questions and incorporating a balance of both text evidence and their ideas.

### *February Book Clubs/LMC Project*

Students have selected a historical fiction novel to read throughout the month of February with a small group of students. Tomorrow groups will meet to plan out a schedule for their book and begin reading. **They will meet with their groups to discuss the assigned weekly reading on February 14, 21, and 28.** 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*

We are in our final stages of the publishing process. This week, students will have one-on-one writing conferences with me. We hope to have our Writing Celebration on Tuesday, February 13 and look forward to sharing with you at Parent-Teacher conferences. This week, writing time will also include a Narrative Performance Task. Students will be asked to take notes from multiple sources– a video and a brochure, and then use the information to write a narrative story in a given time frame.

### MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

#### *Unit 7: Line Plots and the Coordinate Plane*

In this short unit students will make and interpret line plots, as well as read and plot ordered pairs on a coordinate plane. **There will be a test on Wednesday, February 14.** Mrs. McLoone will be reaching out with more details.

### BIG IDEAS MATH with MRS. CIONI

#### *Unit 7: Equations and Inequalities*

In this unit, students will determine if a given value is a solution, and solve both one-step equations and one-step inequalities. They will learn to represent constraints with inequalities and recognize they can have an infinite number of solutions. **There will be a quiz on Lessons 7.1–7.4 on Monday, February 12.**

### SCIENCE

#### *Investigating Matter*

During the next two weeks, students will be investigating the effects of heating and cooling matter. We will also be exploring the properties of mixtures and solutions.

### UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ 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
- ✓ February 20 Patton Band Concert at Thomas Middle School 7PM

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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