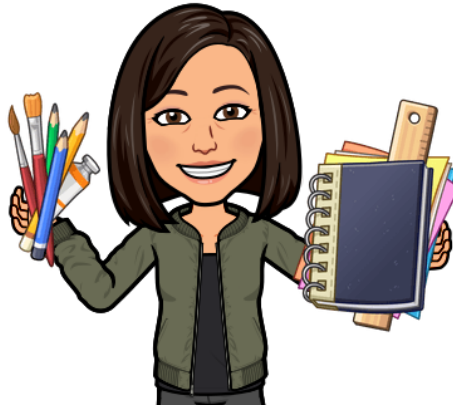


CLASSROOM UPDATES



FEBRUARY 20–MARCH 1, 2024

LITERACY

Non-Fiction Unit of Study

We will use the next two weeks to continue developing our nonfiction literacy skills through practice with a variety of texts and media sources. We are specifically working on using information from multiple sources to compare ideas, text structures, and themes. Students continue to work on developing their written responses to questions and incorporating a balance of both text evidence and their own 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. **The final book club meeting will be February 28.** All books should be finished by next Wednesday. Students will then be completing an analysis of the book during LMC that will involve research to determine which parts of the story are historically accurate and which parts are fiction.

Writer's Workshop: Opinion Writing

In this next unit, students will be learning the craft of opinion writing. Together, we will brainstorm topics that have strong opinions. Students will take a stance, identify their audience, and learn to focus on trying to capture the reader's interest through their writing by supporting their opinion with relevant reasons. We will continue to work on conventions in writing such as comma placement and correcting sentence fragments.

MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

Unit 8: Polygons

Students are learning to classify triangles and other polygons by their properties. **There is a tentative test on Unit 8 scheduled on Friday, March 1.**

BIG IDEAS MATH with MRS. CIONI

Unit 7: Equations and Inequalities

In this unit, students will determine if a 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 is a Unit 7 test scheduled on Thursday, February 29.**

SCIENCE

Investigating Matter

We will wrap up our unit next week by exploring chemical reactions. Next Friday we will be practicing our observation skills and identifying properties of a mixture known as “Whatzit?” (also known as purposefully playing with slime). This will undoubtedly be a messy and fun end to our Matter Unit!

UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ February 23 “Math in My World” Guest Speakers visit Patton
- ✓ February 27 Happy Birthday, Will!
- ✓ March 1 Author Visit: Judd Winick
- ✓ March 1 End of Trimester 2
- ✓ March 5 IAR State Testing: Math #1 @ 10:15 AM
- ✓ March 6 Happy Birthday, Maddie!
- ✓ March 6 IAR State Testing: Math #2 @ 10:15 AM
- ✓ March 7 IAR State Testing: Math #3 @ 10:15 AM
- ✓ March 8 Trimester 2 report cards will be emailed home
- ✓ March 11 IAR State Testing: ELA #1 @ 10:15 AM
- ✓ March 12 IAR State Testing: ELA #2 @ 10:15 AM
- ✓ March 12 Feed My Starving Children 4:45–6:15 PM (RSVP by March 2)

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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