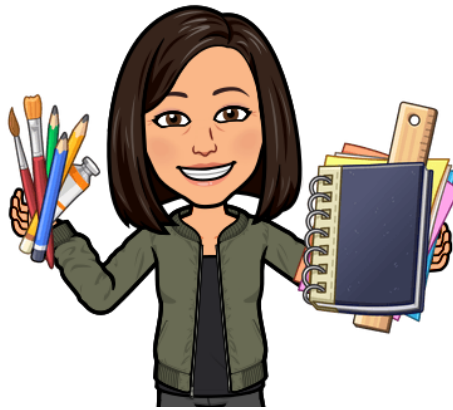


CLASSROOM UPDATES



SEPTEMBER 18–29, 2023

LITERACY

Reader's Workshop: Schoolwide Launch Unit

Mini-lessons during this unit focus on strategies we will use as readers like stopping and jotting down our ideas, selecting good fit books while pushing ourselves to grow as readers, and holding meaningful conversations with others about what we read. I will be spending the week finishing up our beginning of the year assessments, reading one on one with students to help determine individual goals for each reader.

Reader's Response Letters

Students will begin writing weekly letters to me this week. Expectations for letter writing can be found in their Reader's Notebooks which include a brief summary of the week's reading, any noticings and wonderings about the characters or plot, and a personal connection, a favorite moment, or a prediction. Students may write about any chapter book of their choice that they have read during the week. Each student has been assigned a weekly due date– Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. This will be an ongoing assignment throughout the year.

Writer's Workshop: The Writing Process

In this unit, students are working through the publishing process. Each student will be selecting a piece from our opening unit to publish. We will be working through a series of revision assignments to improve our writing. We will share our stories with classmates and use peer feedback to make additional revisions. We will be looking at strengthening our openings and conclusions in the coming days. The unit will wrap with a writing celebration to share our final work with friends, and with you at conferences!

MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

Unit 1: Whole Numbers and the Four Operations

In this first unit, the students have been reviewing place value, multiplying and dividing by two-digit numbers, and learning about the order of operations. **A test on Unit 1 is scheduled for Friday, September 22.**

BIG IDEAS MATH with MRS. CIONI

Unit 1: Numerical Expressions and Factors

Students have been reviewing whole number operations, powers and exponents, and order of operations. We have been learning about prime factorization and how it can be used to find the greatest common factor and least common multiple of two or more numbers. **A test on Unit 1 is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19.**

Unit 2: Fractions and Decimals

Our next unit will focus on multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Students will also be reviewing/learning about adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals.

SCIENCE

Earth in Space

We will wrap up our Earth in Space unit with an investigation of the Sun and other stars. We will also be learning about constellations and seasonal patterns in our night sky. Students will begin the culminating project for this unit during LMC next week. The Space Debate will have students researching the pros and cons of space exploration before debating whether or not the cost of space exploration is worth the benefits.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **September 24 Happy Birthday, Rafael!**
- ✓ **September 25 No School: Yom Kippur**
- ✓ **September 26 Morning band rehearsals begin at 8:00AM**
- ✓ **September 27 Monday Schedule**
- ✓ **September 28 Happy Birthday, Katie!**
- ✓ **October 12-13 Parent-Teacher Conferences**

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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