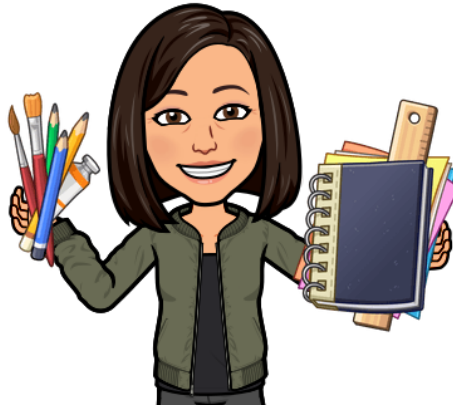


CLASSROOM UPDATES



OCTOBER 30–NOVEMBER 17, 2023

LITERACY

Reader's Workshop: Fiction Unit

We continue our study of fiction. We will be focusing our mini-lessons on identifying conflict, resolution, and theme. As we do, we will be working on developing extended responses by not only responding to a prompt, but citing evidence from the text to support our ideas.

October book clubs are wrapping up. Students have selected one of the following books to read with a small group of classmates– Rules, Out of My Mind, The Thing about Georgie, Anything But Typical, or Project Mulberry. **The final book club meeting will be on Wednesday, November 1 to discuss the endings of the books.** Upon conclusion of the book clubs, students will be writing about their books and exploring the idea of themes introduced in each book.

Writer's Workshop: Personal Narrative

Students have done a great job writing about significant topics and events from their lives by incorporating sensory details and descriptive language into their writing. As we enter the final weeks of the unit, students will be selecting a piece to revise, edit, and publish. As we go through the publishing process we will be focusing on maintaining consistency in verb tenses, and writing engaging openings and effective endings. We will have our personal narratives published by Thanksgiving break to bring home and share with families!

MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

Unit 3: Multiplying and Dividing Fractions and Mixed Numbers

In this unit, students are learning to multiply and divide proper fractions, improper fractions, and mixed numbers.

BIG IDEAS MATH with MRS. CIONI

Unit 3: Algebraic Expressions and Properties

Students have learned to write and evaluate algebraic expressions, and find the GCF in algebraic expressions. Students have learned to apply the Commutative, Associative, and Distributive Properties to show expressions are equivalent. As we wrap up this unit, we will be working through some enrichment activities and projects reviewing/extending skills from Units 1–3, including a short unit from Hands-On Algebra.

HISTORY

Growing Tensions in the Colonies (Chapter 10)

Throughout November, students will be learning about events that led up to the Revolutionary War. Students will be discussing political issues such as unfair taxing by the King, and how these events led to the revolution.

UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ October 31 Halloween Parade and Parties
- ✓ November 8 CoGat Testing 10:15 AM
- ✓ November 9 CoGat Testing 10:15 AM
- ✓ November 10 Veterans' Day Assembly
- ✓ November 15 Happy Birthday, Camden!
- ✓ November 15 Band Concert at Thomas Middle School 7:00 PM
- ✓ November 17 End of Trimester One Celebration Assembly
- ✓ November 20–24 No School: Thanksgiving Break
- ✓ November 20 Happy Birthday, Alexandra!

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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