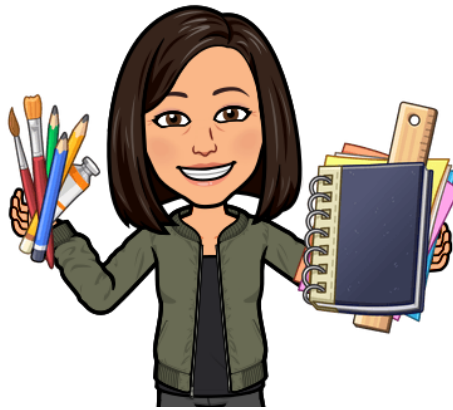


CLASSROOM UPDATES



DECEMBER 11–22, 2023

LITERACY

Nonfiction Unit of Study

We are working through our final mini-lessons from Notice & Note Nonfiction. During these mini-lessons, students will learn to identify the nonfiction signposts that help us think about the big ideas of nonfiction text. Authors of nonfiction intentionally contrast or contradict what we know or observe to make us wonder. They intentionally use extreme or absolute language, numbers and statistics, and quotes from experts to expand our knowledge on a topic or challenge what we might know. They intentionally use technical or academic language to help fill in word gaps and expand our vocabulary. We are really focusing on slowing down as readers to think about the purpose and meaning behind ideas shared in nonfiction text.

December book clubs are underway. Students have selected one of the following books to read with a small group of classmates– Framed, Masterminds, The Ambrose Deception, Storm Runners, The Explorer, and Capture the Flag. All books share a common theme of survival and/or adventure. As a group, students have created a reading schedule for their book.

Remaining book club meetings will be on Thursday, December 14 and Thursday, December 21.

Writer's Workshop: Writing Fiction

As we continue our fiction unit this week and next, we will be focusing our attention on the purpose of dialogue in a story, as well as the conventions of punctuating dialogue.

MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

Unit 5: Decimal Computations

In this unit, students will be learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals to the thousandths place. Mrs. McLoone will reach out with more information and test dates soon.

BIG IDEAS MATH with MRS. CIONI

Unit 5: Rates and Ratios

We have been learning all about ratios, rates, and unit rates. As we move into the second half of the unit, students will review how to find a percent as a rate per 100 and solve problems involving finding the whole, given a part and the percent. Students will also use ratio reasoning to convert measurement units. **There is a test scheduled for Thursday, December 21.**

HISTORY

Chapter 12: The Declaration of Independence

Next up? We will take time to analyze and discuss the key ideas found in the Declaration of Independence and how it came to be– Who was involved? What was the process of writing it like for those involved? How did it get approved and adopted by the Second Continental Congress?

UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ December 13 MAP Testing (Math) 1:15–3:00 PM
- ✓ December 14 “FROZEN Jr.” Informational Parent Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- ✓ December 18 Happy Birthday, Georgiy!
- ✓ December 18 Happy $\frac{1}{2}$ Birthday, Arya!
- ✓ December 18 Hour of Code! in LMC
- ✓ December 19 Math Club 12:40–1:10 PM
- ✓ December 19 Reading Buddies “Gift of Nothing” Project due; details were sent home last week with students
- ✓ December 20 Reading Buddies with Mrs. Litberg’s class
- ✓ December 21 Happy $\frac{1}{2}$ Birthday, Suhani!
- ✓ December 22 Last day of classes in 2023
- ✓ December 25–January 8 No School: Winter Vacation
- ✓ December 25 Happy Birthday, Livie!
- ✓ January 6 Happy $\frac{1}{2}$ Birthday, Isaac!
- ✓ January 8 No School: Institute
- ✓ January 9 Classes resume

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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