

Mr. Dulberger's Latest News

Fall of Knowledge

The leaves are beginning to fall and the days are getting shorter but we have been wasting no time in Portable 1. The first marking period has been quite successful as students continue to tackle rigorous projects and assignments.

CHARACTER COUNTS

During the month of October we will the school will be focusing on Digital Citizenship. Please discuss with your child why it is important to be a good citizen when using technology. We will continue our discussions on digital citizenship and how it impacts other people around the world. I encourage you and your child to take part in the digital citizenship discussion online on My Big Campus EKD All Students. Mr. Funkhouser will be posting additional resources on My Big Campus as well regarding responsible use of technology.

MATH

We will be finishing up our unit on Numbers and Operations in base ten during the month of October. The students will continue to master strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide large whole numbers and decimals. They will be encouraged to use mathematical knowledge such as place value to write rationales that support the problems they solve in class. As always, please continue to work on fact fluency on a

nightly basis.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

This month we are going to be focusing on determining main ideas when reading informational texts. The students will read about current events as well as content that ties in with our Social Studies and Science content. We will begin to discuss theme and text support to determine the moral of a story when reading literature. I encourage you to ask your child about the books he or she has been reading independently and/or in our guided groups. I also encourage you to read the blogs your child has posted on his or her My Big Campus profile.

WRITING

We will continue our unit on Narrative Writing. The students have already learned a variety of strategies for developing personal narratives including. I encourage you to ask your child about these strategies and ask them to see their Evernote folder on Narrative writing. I also encourage students to write additional personal narratives about experiences they have outside of school (i.e. sports, family and community events, etc.) in some sort of journal or on a device at home.

SPELLING

Our spelling program is underway and the students have been doing an excellent job at completing their daily homework. Please recognize the purpose of the Word Journey's spelling program is to identify patterns in the words. The objective is for students to understand why words on their list are pronounced and spelled the way they are rather than memorize how to spell them.

RESPONSIBILITY

In preparation for middle school, we are really focusing on student responsibility this year. Keeping track of important documents and digital organization will be this month's focus. Please share any tips you may have for staying organized with your child.

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Special points of interest:

- ⇒ PTA Basket Bingo 10/6
- ⇒ Book Fair 10/7-10/11
- ⇒ No School 10/18, 10/28, 10/29
- ⇒ P/T Conferences 10/29

Happy Birthday!

Allie House—10/15

Emily Slocum—10/16

Brianna Simmons—10/23

Quote of the Month:

“Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.”
~ Henry Ford ~

Super Social Studies & Science News!

SCIENCE

As we continue on our Environment Unit the students will begin to see how certain environment factors played an important role in the colonization of the U.S. We will learn about environmental issues that took place during the colonial times as well as issues in today's current news.

SOCIAL STUDIES

During October the students will really delve into our unit on Explorers and Colonies and begin to see why immigrants settled where they did. We will study the different cultures, economies, industries and religions of the three main colonial regions.

We LOVE TECHNOLOGY!!!

Classroom Website

Our class Weebly is consistently being updated with photos as well as links to websites that students and parents may find helpful.

TWITTER

Follow me on Twitter! I post weekly pictures of the kids in action!

My Big Campus

Check out the Library as well as our class group—the resources folders are CONSTANTLY growing!

Online Accounts:

The following online accounts have been created and can also be accessed from home:

- Scootpad – A common core aligned program with a gameface platform. I will post assignments that correspond to the standards being taught in class.
- Evernote – Students can access the notes and writing they do in class as well as record themselves reading using the Evernote app or website.

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