

Mr. Dulberger's Latest News

No Stopping Us November

With the first marking period under our belt we are eager to dive even deeper into the curriculum. As we begin new units in many of the subjects we are excited to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves.

CHARACTER COUNTS

During the month of November the school will be focusing on Caring and Social Responsibility. Please discuss with your child why it is important to be caring and how this can benefit you in the real world. We will continue our discussions on the Character Counts pillar of caring and how we can implement it into our daily lives. I encourage you and your child to take part in the clothing drive that Mr. Funkhouser will be organizing. Be on the lookout for more details!

MATH

As we begin our second unit in mathematics I encourage you to ask your child about the math goals he/she have set at the beginning of this marking period. The goals align with the MAPS data and your child's strengths and weaknesses that were discussed with you during Parent/Teacher conferences. Our second unit will include the Common Core geometry standards. In order to meet your child's needs s/he may receive additional support with other standards. As always, please continue to work on fact fluency and a

math story/word problem or two on a nightly basis.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

During the month of November we will be working on figurative language. We will be able to identify and analyze figurative language, used in stories, drama and poems. Be on the look out for a rap we did with Ms. Rowland on figurative language! We also have started literature circles! Each group has done an awesome job at engaging in rich discussions digitally and in-person about the novels we are reading. I encourage you to ask your child about the novel s/he is reading independently as well as in his/her literature circle.

WRITING

As we come to the conclusion of our Narrative Writing Unit we are proud of the growth we have made as writers. Through developing a quality personal narrative we have effectively embedded dialogue and more description into our daily writing. We are also learning how to incorporate appropriate figurative language into our writing. As stated previously I encourage students to write additional personal narratives about experiences they encounter outside of school (i.e. sports, family and community events, etc.) in some sort of journal or on a device at home. I encour-

age you to see that your child practices the same strategies we have been mastering at school as they write at home.

SPELLING

Please continue to monitor your child's spelling at home. The crux of the program is being able to identify other words that fit the same spelling pattern on which they are working. We are certainly making progress as we move through the spelling levels and I thank you for your support.

RESPONSIBILITY

Ask your child how s/he is are using MBC calendar to keep track of weekly duties and be more responsible.

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Special points of interest:

- ⇒ Field trip to Natl. Gallery of Art 11/15
- ⇒ Thanksgiving break/ no school 11/27-11/29

Happy Birthday!

Sneha 11/13

Quote of the Month:

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!' ~ Audrey Hepburn

Super Social Studies & Science News!

SCIENCE

As we conclude our unit on Environments and Life Science we will explore plant and animal cells. We will also learn about renewable and nonrenewable resources especially those that are native to Maryland. I encourage you to allow your child to look for current news articles that relate to the content we are studying in science. Some great resources for current news are newsela.com (kids section) and dogonews.com.

SOCIAL STUDIES

As we continue to explore the Colonial regions we will learn about the influence Native Americans had on the Colonists and first settlers in the New World. We will make cross-curricular connections to our science unit through recognizing how Native Americans used natural resources.

We LOVE TECHNOLOGY!!!

Classroom Website

Our class weebly was recently re-modeled. This website is always adapting to address current parent and student

TWITTER

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

My Big Campus

Check out the latest discussions we have been having!

Online Accounts:

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

- Maps Practice- Jog The Web
- Newsela (kids section) - lexiled texts with quizzes!

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