

Mr. Dulberger's Latest News

An Energetic December

Now that we are all stuffed with turkey and carbohydrates it is time to expend our energy! December may be a short month, but we are looking forward to using our energy efficiently to attain individual and class goals.

CHARACTER COUNTS

During the month of December 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. I encourage you to view the videos Mr. Funkhouser has posted on My Big Campus.

MATH

As we continue our second unit in mathematics I encourage you to ask your child about the math goals he/she has been working on. We will continue with our geometry and measurement standards. Developing a deep understanding of volume will be our primary focus. I encourage you to find the volume of household items using the formulas we will discover at school.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

During the month of November we will be focusing on describing how a narrator or speaker's point of view influences how events in a story are described. We will continue to engage in rich discussions during our literature circles as well as in guided reading groups. I encourage you to ask your child about the novel s/he is reading independently as well as in his/her literature circle. I also encourage students to use the websites posted on our class Weebly page to read informational texts.

WRITING

As we begin our informative writing unit we will write from multiple perspectives. Writing like a historian, scientist and geographer will all be a part of our daily writing block. I encourage you to monitor your students informative writing notebook on Evernote as it fills up throughout December and January. We have just completed a digital writing assignment using an application called Face Talker that

your child has uploaded to Google Drive to share with friends and family.

WORD STUDY

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. For instance, understanding the words "whistle" and "listen" can both be categorized by the silent "t."

RESPONSIBILITY

We will continue to use the MBC calendar to monitor the dates of important events and assignments. We are continuing to log our reading, math fact and spelling homework on paper to bring in on Fridays. I encourage your child to use MBC calendar to set a reminder on Thursday nights to come to class prepared on Fridays.

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Special points of interest:

- ⇒ Holiday Gift Shopping
12/10/13
- ⇒ Field trip to Planetarium
12/18/13
- ⇒ Winter Break
no school
12/23/13-
1/1/14

Happy Birthday!

Jonah 12/30

Quote of the Month:

"It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan." - Eleanor Roosevelt

Super Social Studies & Science News!

SCIENCE

Our new Science unit will be primarily focusing on Earth/ Space Science as well as some of the Physical Science standards. We will be learning about slow and rapid changes that occur on the Earth's surface and discussing past and present events. Some great resources for current news are newsela.com (kids section) and dogonews.com.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We will begin to wrap up our research on the Colonial regions and the 13 original Colonies. We will begin to venture west as we study American History and move forward on our class timeline towards the 1800's.

We LOVE TECHNOLOGY!!!

Classroom Website

The MAPs page was recently changed on our Class Weebly. Feel free to check out some new links added for practice based on RIT scores.

TWITTER

Follow me on Twitter! #emmakdoub

My Big Campus

Check out the latest discussions we have been having!

Online Sources:

- Scootpad.com - gives students practice with Common Core standards in math and reading
- <http://www.ixl.com/> - A great way to practice any grade level math and language arts skills

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