

Mr. Dulberger's Latest News

New Year, No Fear!

As we begin this new year our class is excited to embark upon some new and challenging projects. We are excited to finish out the marking period strong and work towards attaining the individual goals we set back in October.

CHARACTER COUNTS

During the month of January the school will be focusing on Fairness and Critical Thinking. The students will spend some time working on a gamified project Mr. Funkhouser created through My Big Campus called World Without Oil. This project will require critical thinking and promotes college and career readiness. Please discuss with your child how fairness and critical thinking impacts your daily life.

MATH

We are very proud of our most recent math project that integrated many other subjects - Building a Ship to Colonize the New World. I strongly encourage you to see your child's latest blog post on MBC as well as their Skitch photos of their Ship models on Google Drive. Both of these artifacts demonstrate mastery of the Common Core standards on Volume. During the next couple weeks we will be concluding our second unit in mathematics and reviewing for the Benchmark Assessment we will take on 1/15/14.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

During the month of January we will still be delving deep into fictional texts during independent and guided reading. We will also be finishing up our literature circle books and completing product cards. Throughout this month we will also spend a large portion of our ELA time on informational reading. Integrating information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably will be a primary focus. The research portion of the alphabet mapping is a prime example of how students can achieve this standard. I encourage you to share or discuss any research reports/ projects you enjoyed as a student or are currently completing with your child if possible.

WRITING

As we continue our informative writing unit we will continue to write from multiple perspectives. Writing like a historian, scientist and geographer will all be a part of our daily writing block. We will use content from our current Science and Social Studies units to drive our informational research and writing. I encourage you to monitor your child's informative writing notebook on Evernote as it fills up throughout the month.

WORD STUDY

As we continue our spelling program I encourage you to challenge your child on Wednesday nights for his/her choice homework. Some additional choices could include writing his/her words in complete sentences or paragraphs, drawing a picture or cutting out a photo that represents their spelling word. The key is to demonstrate an understanding of the word's spelling and meaning.

RESPONSIBILITY

I encourage you to check your child's MBC calendar to monitor the dates of important events and assignments. I encourage children to write themselves a reminder or set an alarm on Thursday nights to remember their signed reading and spelling log for class on Friday morning. Thank you for your support in seeing that your child is completing 30 minutes of reading and 10 minutes of math facts on a nightly basis.

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Special points of interest:

- ⇒ 2.5 hr. early dismissal
1/17 - End of MP 2
- ⇒ No School
1/20 and 1/21

Happy Birthday!

Donovan 1/1

Justin 1/3

Riley 1/26

Quote of the Month:

"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." - Henry David Thoreau

Super Social Studies & Science News!

SCIENCE

We will continue our Science unit 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. We will also be learning about various forms of energy and light.

SOCIAL STUDIES

As we wrap up our research on the Colonial regions and the 13 original Colonies, we will move forward on our class timeline towards the 1700's. We are eager to start studying the events that lead up to the American Revolution.

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 #5thgradeEKD

My Big Campus

Check out the latest discussions we have been having!

Online Sources:

- <http://www.eia.gov/kids/> - A great site for our current Science unit as well as Mr. Funkhouser's World Without Oil project!

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