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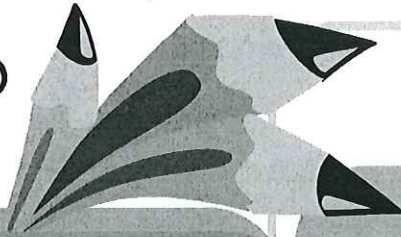
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Happy New Year! Sixth Grade Happenings

January, 2018



MATHEMATICS

Dear Parents,

Upon our return from break, we will be starting Module 4 of Eureka Math where students will further discover and clarify the relationship of operations using models. From these models, students build and evaluate identities that are useful in solving equations and developing proficiencies with solving problems algebraically.

In Topic A, students extend their arithmetic work to include letters to represent numbers. Students understand that letters are simply “stand-ins” for numbers and that arithmetic is carried out exactly as it is with numbers.

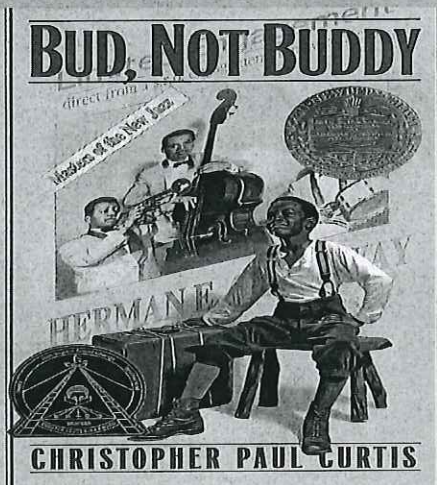
In Topic B, students differentiate between the product of two numbers and whole numbers with exponents. They differentiate between the two, through exploration of patterns, specifically noting how squares grow. Students also revisit order of operations adding exponents and parentheses to the order.

In Topic C, students begin substituting or replacing letters with numbers and numbers with letters in order to evaluate expressions. They continue to work and practice with exponents. Volume and area are used as real-world examples.

In Topic D, students formally utilize their understanding of expressions in order to expand, factor, and distribute.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

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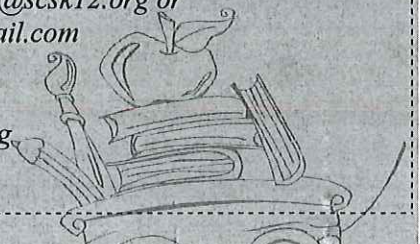
ENGLISH - LANGUAGE ARTS

Hello parents!

We have been reading *Bud, Not Buddy* and Rudyard Kipling's poem, "If," this month. We will conclude our study of the poem, "If," by analyzing the final stanza in our Mid-Unit Assessment this month. We will begin the second half of Unit 2 upon our return to school in January. During this section, students return to a close reading of the novel as they prepare to write a literary argument essay about the nature of "Bud's Rules."

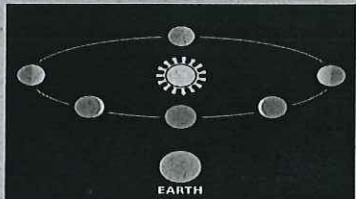
Throughout the unit, as students read *Bud, Not Buddy*, they continue to pay close attention and keep track of how the plot unfolds as Bud responds to each new experience and person he encounters on his journey. Specifically, they continue to think, talk, and write about the nature of his rules.

Best,
Lindsay K. Peluso, M.S.
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SCIENCE

Hello Parents,



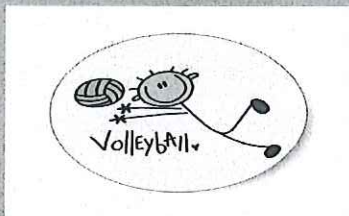
The dance continues as we view how the Earth Moon and Sun "change partners" through space creating different phenomena like moon phases, seasons, tides, and eclipses. How must they be aligned for such wonders to take place? Our studies will help us to understand and explain how and what the patterns are when we gaze into the night skies or plan our time, clothing, crops, water travels, and other events that govern our being. Come along with your scholar and venture out into the amazing Earth-Moon-Sun System. Keep your scholar's creative minds whirling as we enter the season of the Science Fair (details coming soon) In addition, please allow your scholar an opportunity to view videos on Studyjams.com, as well as, Brainpop.com. Many of the 6th grade concepts are reviewed and serve as a great study tool.

Please remember to stay connected with class dojo!

The best to you all for a very kind and prosperous New Year!

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Greetings Parents,

Starting in January, each student will be learning about Volleyball. *Volleyball* is a team sport in which two teams of six players are separated by a net. Each team tries to score points by grounding a ball on the other team's court under organized rules. It has been a part of the official program of the Summer Olympic Games since 1964. We will be learning the skills in order to play a successful game of volleyball. As with every unit in P.E. class, the focus is on having fun and being good sports and learners through being respectful to ourselves and our classmates.

Healthfully Yours,
 Coach Hadley

Greetings Parents,

We have finished the fascinating study of the Ancient Chinese civilization and all of the innovations that they are known for. We are now focusing on the Israelites. We will only study what is in the text when it comes to religion. From there, we will jump into the study of two more fascinating civilizations the Ancient Greeks and Romans. Additionally, we will be reviewing material periodically covered in the first semester just to make sure that students know the content from each civilization. With this being the study of ancient civilizations, the students have learned a lot and still have a lot to learn and remember about each civilization before the upcoming TNReady test. We will be doing a lot more writing upon return from the break. There will be a portion on the test that will be writing. The Social Studies test will be a part of the student's score this year. I want them to be ready!!! Students should be reading nightly in their Social Studies book, just to stay on top of the content. Parents, if you have time, please read the material with your child on the Israelites. --- We are gearing up for the, "Do the Write Thing Challenge!" Look for information on this writing topic coming home. Thank you for your help and support this semester. We hope you had a safe and joyful break with your family. Happy new Year!

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7th Grade Team

January 2018

Greetings 7th Grade Parents and Happy New Year!!

As we begin the beginning of the 2nd semester, we have a couple of reminders that will benefit you and your student as we keep moving along.

- 7th Grade Week Activity Week Letters need to be returned by January 12, 2018.
- Remember to check Class Dojo daily for class updates and school wide events.
- Tutoring will be held for all subject areas on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (Check with your child's teacher for other availabilities)
- Encourage your student to use Achieve3000 and iReady at home on a daily basis especially on days when school is not in session.

Math It Out!

Hello Parents,

Our district purchased an awesome new curriculum, Eureka Math, for our students to be exposed to more analytical thinking and conceptual understanding, which will help students to understand the MATH, not just procedures. We are on Module 3 Expressions and Equations. This unit covers a great deal of material which ties Module 1 and 2 together and adds to it. Please ensure that your child is studying each night and completing homework. Students have homework every night. Please ask them about it. (TENMARKS)

Best Regards,

Mrs. McLeod and Mr. Diong

Are you geared up for Science!!

Hello parents!

We are now discussing WAVES to wrap up our physical science unit and will begin the Life Science unit discussing cells, plants, and the human body. Make sure to ask your student about some of the exciting things that are already taking place in SCIENCE!! Also you should be receiving CLASS DOJO texts about current class assignments and starting this month updates about class assignments. Please make sure that your child has registered for both of these wonderful educational programs.

Thanks,

Mr. J. Calhoun and Mrs. A. Edwards

Physical Education Is Great!!

Parents we thank you for your continued cooperation with the Physical Ed department. Please remind your child to have all proper attire for gym class on their scheduled days.

Thanks,

Coach E. Randolph



Humanities to the Rescue!!

Hello World Travelers!

We have just set our course for our worldwide learning experiences. We are now on the Renaissance. The students have been exploring activities dealing with this great age of exploration. Look for reading assignments that requires them to think critically.

Thanks,

Mrs. S. Reeves and Ms. Z. Smith

LANGUAGE ART

Greetings Parents/ Guardians!

We are now entering Module 3 Unit 1 of our EL Education Curriculum: Slavery-The People Could Fly, which consists of an in depth study of the novel, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, along with supplementary texts that provide additional background knowledge for students to better comprehend this intense reading. Students will have access to the novel during class and may check the book out in the afternoon, but you may also purchase a personal copy or students may listen to the audio via Youtube. This text heavy module will continue to focus on the concepts of textual evidence, theme, and analysis of the text(s) as well as a focus on writing informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic. Also, students have received a new workbook for Module 3. Reminder: Students were assigned their international baccalaureate (IB) project, Two-Voice Poem, on Tuesday, November 22. This is a home project. If students have questions, they may ask during class or attend tutoring for additional assistance.

Best Regards,

Ms. N. Cotton and Ms. N. Norwood



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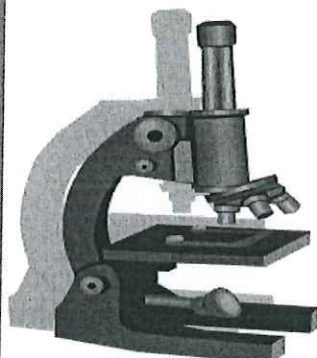
7th Grade Team Schedule

8:15 - 8:25 Homeroom
8:30 - 9:20 2nd period
9:25 - 10:15 3rd period
10:20 - 11:05 4th period
11:10 - 11:45 5th period
11:50 - 12:30 Lunch
12:35 - 1:25 6th period
1:30 - 2:15 7th period
2:20 - 3:15 8th period

Please schedule all conferences during our planning time from 11:00am to 11:45am and 1:30pm to 2:15pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



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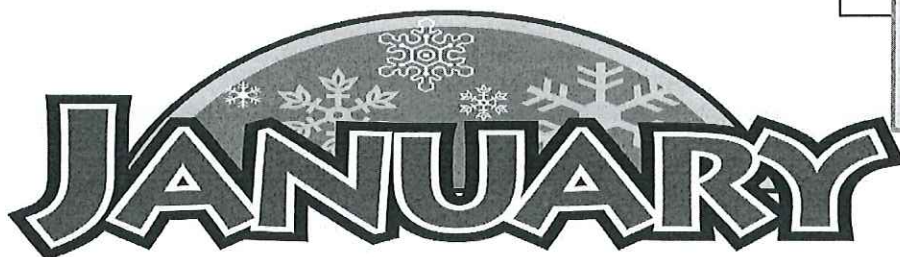
Pre-Algebra: C. McLeod and M. Diong

Humanities: S. Reeves and Z. Smith

Science: J. Calhoun and A. Edwards

Language Arts: N. Cotton and N. Norwood

Physical Education: E. Randolph



Mathematics

Mrs. Long/Coach Winfrey (8th Grade Pre-Algebra):

Beginning in January, Tutoring will be offered for Pre-Algebra in the mornings from 7:30 until 8:00am. Students must let Coach Winfrey know a day before they want to attend. Mrs. Long or Coach Winfrey's students may attend. We will be starting Module 4 in Eureka math, which deals with equations. Please make sure all students have all necessary materials to be successful in the classroom. Students will also need highlighters as they return from break in order to annotate in their Eureka math books.

Check students' grades in power teacher, so you will be aware of their academic progress. Additional Eureka Module information can be found on Mrs. Long's website:
www.mrslongmathclass.weebly.com.

Mrs. Long Algebra I Focus:

During the 2nd semester, students will develop a set of tools for understanding and interpreting variability in data, and begin to make more informed decisions from that data. Students will work with data distributions of various shapes, centers, and spreads. The modules will set the stage for more extensive work with sampling and inference in later grades. Additional Eureka Module information can be found on Mrs. Long's website: www.mrslongmathclass.weebly.com.

What's Popping in Science?

Mrs. Medford:

Physical Science Students will be moving from Nuclear Chemistry into the Unit of Speed. Students will be expected to demonstrate the relationship between speed and velocity and investigate the factors that determine the speed of an object rolling down a ramp. Other Science students will continue studying the Periodic Table and Elements of the Atmosphere. Students will be expected to use the periodic table to determine the properties of an element. All Honors and Optional students will be working to complete their Mandatory Science Fair Project. Please make sure that you check in with your student to ensure that they are meeting their Science Fair Guidelines because they will be receiving a grade for all components.

Ms. Bracey-Hills:

As we move into January 2018, Science students will be finishing their unit on Physical Science. The students will be learning more about Periodic Table of Elements and How the Reactivity, Valence Electrons, Lewis Dot Structure, and Trends/Groups. The students should study and review concepts nightly. Please ensure that your student is present in class and prepared for school each day. Tutoring will be offered Mondays from 3:30pm-4:30pm. The Science Fair Projects are a mandatory requirement for students in the Honors Class and Optional Program. The students have already received their confirmation on their projects.

Language Arts

Ms. Pendley/ Ms. Shorter

Students will continue to study the U.S. civil rights movement, focusing particularly on the Little Rock Nine. They will consider the question "How can stories be powerful?" as they learn about segregation, the civil rights movement, the Little Rock Nine, and the role of the various mediums in shaping perceptions of events. Students will finish reading *A Mighty Long Way* by Carlotta Walls Lanier and begin a photo essay titled *Little Rock Girl 1957* by Shelley Tougas. They will consider the different ways in which the story of the Little Rock Nine has been told. In Unit 2, students will analyze the role of various mediums (photographs, speeches, television reports, newspaper articles, etc.) in depicting the Little Rock Nine and will write an informational essay in which they analyze how various mediums may illuminate a story or provide an inaccurate or incomplete picture of a story.

Social Studies

Coach Berry:

We will continue the exploration of the impact of American sectionalism through an expanded look at the political development of the country, especially in the South. Students will expand their understanding of manifest destiny and analyze the importance of the growing borderland tensions within the US as the country approached the brink of the Civil War. Students will continue their exploration through the use of collaborative activities in the classroom and response to writing to text dependent questions.

Inclusion (Math and English)

Ms. Dotson:

Parents, make sure you assist your child with all classwork, homework, and projects that are due.

Ms. Belinda Dotson, 8th grade Inclusion Teacher. You can reach me at the following contacts:
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Reminder to Parents

Remember to check PowerSchool and ClassDojo for important information regarding your child's progress in the classroom.

Upcoming Events

Students return to school: 1.8.18

**2nd Quarter Report Cards Issued:
1.10.18**

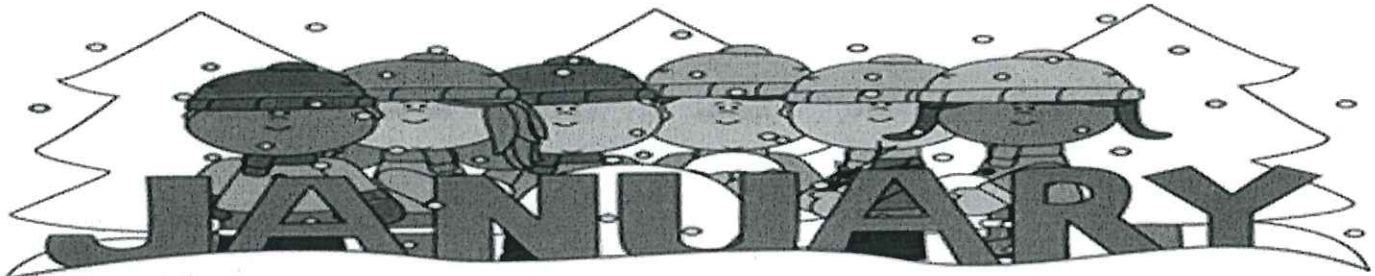
**Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
observed: 1.15.18**

Career Fair: 3.7.18

**Please contact the school if you are
interested in participating in Career Day!**

Exceptional Children

January 2018 Newsletter #6



6th Grade Inclusion

Hello Parents! I hope everyone had a restful winter break and is looking forward to the start of the new semester. Teachers plan to “hit the ground running” with classwork and homework so make sure your student is coming to school prepared and ready to learn. There will be homework every night and feel free to reach out to a core teacher or me if your student is not bringing any home. Thanks for your continued support!

Ms. Samantha Melkonian, 6th grade Inclusion Teacher. You can reach me at the following contacts: Classroom: 416-1588 email: melkonians@scsk12.org

7th Grade Inclusion

Welcome back students. I hope everyone enjoyed the winter break. This is the beginning of our third nine weeks and students should be ready and recharged to continue learning. 2nd nine weeks' report cards will be issued soon. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr holiday will be observed Monday, January 15.

8th Grade Inclusion

Happy New Year! Welcome 2018! 2017 went by quickly! I hope everyone enjoyed their winter break. It's a new year! Time for new goals and a fresh start! Winter MAP testing is completed. EasyCBM Progress Monitoring probes will begin January 8. I am looking forward to seeing all the smiling faces that I've missed. The 3rd quarter begins January 8 and 2nd quarter report cards will be issued January 10. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday will be observed Monday, January 15.

If you need to contact me my information is as follows: Mrs. Belinda Dotson, 8th grade inclusion co-teacher. You can reach me at the following contacts: Classroom: 416-1588 ext. 76216 E-mail: dotsonbc@scsk12.org

CLUE

Welcome back from break! I hope all students are rested and ready to begin the new semester. I am so excited to read some new books with everyone! Please be prepared to have all homework completed every day. Thanks!

Ms. Amanda Muir-Liddell

You can reach me at: muira@scsk12.org and 416-1588 ext. 76210

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Happy holidays! As we all know when students return January 8th the annual IEP season will be in full gear. Please check your child's book bag daily for information regarding your child's upcoming IEP meeting, CBI Trips, and student progress. We look forward to finishing this 2017-2018 school year with much success. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is January 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 901.214.5516 or email me at gatewoodsn@scsk12.org

Ms. Gatewood ☺

