

Study Club is Now Open

Changes will be made to Study Club as we go into Blended Learning. Check here for updates.

5th/6th Grade Classes:

Social Studies with Mr. Bird and Ms. Ferguson:

Throughout the week of November 2nd the students will learn about the settlement of Jamestown, and a very famous historical figure, Pocahontas!

This is a short week for DCS with Friday off and the hybrid plan beginning on November 9th!

Science with Ms. Diaz

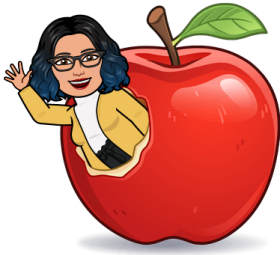
Greetings Scientists, congratulations on completing the first week of Trimester 2!

This week: We began our unit about “Atoms and Molecules.” We impressed each other by showing that we retained the information from last unit’s “Elements and the Periodic Table.” We recalled elements and their chemical symbol, the properties of noble gases, and where you can find elements in everyday items, such as lithium batteries. We also began what will be a weekly “Science in Action” day, where we will learn about different people (engineers, entrepreneurs, scientists, designers, etc.) who developed something to help our planet.

Next week: We will have our first Trimester 2 quiz over the material we’ve learned so far and will discuss our next “Science in Action” personality.

Mission to Mars: New trip dates of April 5-8, 2021. Please check [Diaz Does Science](#) for the video update.

Math with Mrs. Linarez



Varsity: We will be reviewing and taking our unit 1 test. With the return of inperson students, I have noticed a huge improvement in class discussions and students asking more questions. This is great news! Now that the first week of hybrid learning is complete, homework will start to be assigned.

Scholastic: Thank you for being so patient with me, this is the class that I had the most tech issues. This week we will be taking a quiz and reviewing concepts we have learned. Now that the first week of hybrid learning is complete, homework will start to be assigned.

Honors: Students have been doing a great job at solving equations. I will go over some common mistakes I noticed from the last quiz. It is important to address those mistakes and discuss what happened. The quiz for solving equations will be given towards the end of the week. Now that the first week of hybrid learning is complete, homework will start to be assigned.

Math with Mrs. Nijjar

Varsity: Students this week took the quiz for Long Division and Input-output tables. In the coming week, students will be taking their very first unit test and will start with the next unit. Students should keep working on IXL, as that helps to reinforce the required math skills.

Scholastic: Students this week learned about rounding, ordering, and comparing decimals. In the coming weeks, students will be learning about different operations with decimal numbers.

Honors: Students this week learned about Scientific notations and took the quiz for the same. In the coming week, students will be taking their first unit test and will start with the new unit.

Language Arts with Mr. Harding

Many students and parents have asked me what they can do on their own to improve their skills and get a little extra practice. IXL and NoRedInk are apps that students can use on their own to learn and practice their grammar skills.

We are in the late stages of writing an argumentative essay. By November 6, 2020 final drafts are due. This is a major writing grade that can raise or lower an entire letter grade. Make sure to get this done.

In our novel, Spies, we will be covering the Cuban Missile Crisis. Please check with your young learner to make sure they understand that these events are over and the threat of these events is gone. We are studying propaganda and governments, but we are not threatened by Sputnik.

Remember, I hold office hours from 1:30 - 2:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. Check Google classroom for the link.

Language Arts with Ms. Rodieck

Trimester One is done.

Week Fifteen starts a new journey and a new challenge for Trimester Two. Language Arts classes will start with 15 minutes of Silent Reading - both in-person and on-line. Then students will respond to a journal prompt. So students need to have a book to read. It can be a real book or an on-line book. They will not be able to use my in-class library. In about six weeks, I will assign a book report to be done. Varsity students will also be starting AR in class and for Reinforcement Lab - more on this next week. Something else that is new - Asynchronous Humanities on Friday. The students and I have practiced it on-line and will do so one more time before their first Asynchronous Friday. I am looking



forward to overcoming the challenges blended-learning will bring to us. Hug your family members and tell them you love them.

ART CLUB with Ms. L

Students in Art club this Thursday participated in a Spooky Paint-a-long and created their own Haunted Houses! Below are screenshots of our Zoom and pictures of final products :)

