

5th/6th Grade Classes:

Social Studies with Mr. Bird:

This week, students learned all about the Southern colonies: Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. They first learned about how each colony started and then learned about life in the Southern colonies. Students processed what they learned at the end of the week by creating an advertisement about the Southern colony of their choice – see pictures of a few of them below!

Next week, students will learn about Bacon's Rebellion and then begin reviewing for a quiz on the Southern colonies, which will be on Wednesday.

The collage features four student-created advertisements:

- Top Left:** A poster for Virginia titled "VIRGINIA BIRTHPLACE OF A NATION". It includes a map of Virginia divided into regions like "SASQUAHATCHON MOUNTAINS", "POTOMAC RIVER", "CENTRAL VIRGINIA", "CHESAPEAKE BAY", "SOUTHERN VIRGINIA", "WESTERN VIRGINIA", and "SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA". Text includes "JOIN US IN THE FIRST COLONY IN THE NEW WORLD, VIRGINIA!", "BETTER SOIL FOR FARMING AND PLANTATIONS!", "NEED TORNAADO, INDEED, FINE RICE, FARM PRODUCTS AND MORE!", and "VIRGINIA, THE BIRTHPLACE OF A NATION INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN OUR SUNNY DAYS AND BLUE SKIES!".
- Top Right:** A poster for Georgia titled "Calling All Debtors! Come to Georgia". It says "You can live free of worry on the plains and pay your debts back." and lists benefits: "You can work on farms and sell crops for money" and "And you can help fight the Spanish and the Natives (if you want)". It also mentions "Founded by James Oglethorpe. Current residents are 25 squirrels and 30 pigeons." and includes a small map of Georgia.
- Bottom Left:** A poster titled "Come to Virginia! Where we are led by the King and Queen of England! Everything is going smooth and we have beautiful land and farms for you. We have an amazing town called Jamestown and you can be apart of it!". It lists benefits of joining the colony, including farming, earning money, and having slaves. It includes a photo of a green field and a painting of a coastal scene with ships.
- Bottom Right:** A hand-drawn poster for Virginia titled "VIRGINIA HOME OF JAMESTOWN". It says "We are the first and best government!" and "We have ceremonies TWICE A YEAR". It includes the phrase "HELP NEW US BECOME WORLD" and "If you want a FANTASTIC PROFIT (I mean who doesn't) COME TO JAMESTOWN, VIRGINIA. WE ARE ALL ABOUT THAT \$". It also says "He brought HIGGINS OVER" and "Home of Burgeses".

Science with Ms. Diaz

Greetings Scientists, congratulations on completing Week 18!

This week: We finished our unit about “Atoms and Molecules.” We know that molecules are made when atoms combine and there are various types of molecules that we use in everyday life, such as salt, water and sugar. Some molecules are very important to society because they are part of medicines and other health treatments.

Next week: Science Quiz and Test Extravaganza! There will be a quiz M-W and the unit test on Thursday.

Monday- Quiz: Scientific Method

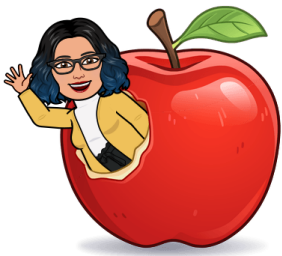
Tuesday- Quiz: Substances

Wednesday- Quiz: Elements and the periodic table

Thursday- Test: Atoms and molecules

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

Math with Mrs.Linarez



It's our final week before winter break! YAY!!!

fridays attendance question does go in the gradebook

Varsity: Varsity kids did great learning about place value and expanded for. For this week we will be learning about comparing and ordering whole numbers. Then a quiz and hopefully start talking about decimals. I am super excited to start working with decimals.

Scholastic: We have spent several days learning about order of operations. Which I am glad we did. Students seem to be getting the concepts and I have been impressed with the participation that has been shown. This

week we will review for our quiz and then take our first quiz from this unit.

Honors: In our final week, we will finish our unit. The students did great learning about simple, compound, and continuous interest this past week. This week we will start reviewing for our unit test and we will be finishing off the week taking the unit test. This is a great way to end before the winter break.

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

Heading into winter break we have picked up the pace and look to finish 2020 strong. Upon reflection, we have read challenging texts, entertaining folktales, and informative articles. Our studies have covered history, humanities, science, music, and art. We have reinforced and expanded our base knowledge of grammar and our ability to write. We have completed an art composition and an essay. It may not seem like it, but we are working very hard and everyone, all stakeholders, should be proud of our effort and progress. We will start 2021 strong.

Please remember to log in on Fridays and complete the assignment on time. Weekly assessments and Humanities coursework will be assigned on Fridays. The Friday

assignments will most often be graded as a weekly assessment, not daily work. Per school policy, late work is not accepted.

As a reminder, students are responsible for 20 minutes of independent reading every day. Each student will take a quiz on the book they read during D.E.A.R. time.

We will finish SPIES, but not this week.

Language Arts with Ms. Rodieck

We finished SPIES this week. For our last week before Winter Break, we will be doing a final project (Spies Trading Cards) and an essay about the grey areas between right and wrong.

Each day we have been silent reading self-selected for the first 15 minutes of class. The book(s) they have been reading will be used for a one-pager book report due the week we get back from Winter Break. Several students have asked if I could post the assignment before the break so they can work on it during break. I will be doing this next week - so keep an eye out for it. For our next independently read book I am looking into creating book clubs - students will be reading the same book and getting the chance to discuss it on-line. This will be easier to facilitate if in-person students have headphones (with mics would be nice) in class.

Diagramming is like algebra and some of the students are struggling with it this year - they need to just keep trying and next year it will be easier for them (with practice). A good website to get some additional information is

<https://www.english-grammar-revolution.com/>

Hug the ones you love whether in person or virtually.



Technology with Ms. Ferguson

Week 3 of the second trimester is going well! Students have adjusted to their new routines, and the technology students are doing so well! This week the students worked on a research project where they chose one animal to research. Through this project the students are practicing their research skills, utilizing copy and

paste skills to create a list of sources from their research, and are using their design skills in Google Slides to develop a facts flyer for their chosen animal! Next week the students will be presenting their flyer to the class.

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 :)

