

5th/6th Grade Classes:

Social Studies with Mr. Bird:

The past week, students learned about the history of the Middle Colonies: New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. They learned about the founding of these colonies and what made them more diverse compared to the colonies of New England and the South. Next week, students will review what they've learned about the Middle Colonies and end the week with a quiz.

Science with Ms. Diaz

Greetings Scientists, congratulations on completing week 26!

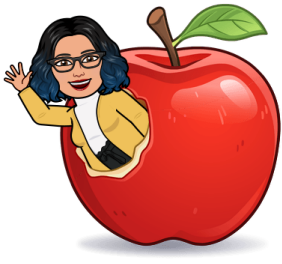
This week: There was such a great turnout of scientists who made disaster preparedness kits. I am confident that we are all ready in cases of emergency. We also finished watching "Into the Inferno" and realized that the director/narrator of this documentary also played the character of the client in the first season of The Mandalorian. ****mind blow****. Friday was our unit test, so now we get a much deserved brain break! Have a great weekend ya'll :-)

Next week: We begin learning about the fossil record!

Reminders: the volcano project and presentation is due on Monday, Feb 1st by 4pm.

Mission to Mars CANCELLED. Please check your email for more information.

Math with Mrs. Linares



friday's attendance question does go in the gradebook
Recording of my lessons are posted in google classroom.

Mrs. Zuniga is BACK!!!!

Varsity: We will start our new unit. Unit 3 is all about decimals. We will be learning about adding and subtracting decimals this week.

Scholastic: This week we are going to finish our lesson on the coordinate plane and learn about linear functions.

Honors: We will start off the week with our review for the unit test and take our Unit test on Wednesday.

Math with Mrs. Nijjar

Varsity: Students spent this week learning about divisibility rules and were surprised to discover that even six-digit numbers can be divided using mental math. In the coming week, students will be working on prime factorization using the factor tree and T-chart.

Scholastic: Students this week learned about integers and shared real-life examples related to positive and negative integers. By the end of this week, we started with coordinate planes, and discussed the fact that coordinate planes are the fundamental base of graphic designing and animation. In the coming week, students will be drawing various figures on coordinate planes and will further dive in into the concepts of integer operations.

Honors: Students reviewed the unit-3 concepts by solving puzzles and an Escape room. At the end of this week, students took the unit-3 test. In the coming week, students will be starting with the fourth unit by learning by ratios and rates.

Language Arts with Mr. Harding

Class begins with a daily essential question. It is imperative that students answer this question within the first ten minutes of class. The assignment is graded at least once a week. The open ended essential question ties to the theme of the day's learning.

Students are also required to complete weekly grammar practice using IXL or NoRedInk. Weekly progress is graded. If a student's grade is slipping, inconsistency with our daily and weekly assignments is most likely responsible.

We are finishing our academic pentathlon text, Spies. Our dive into the history of the Cold War has introduced advanced vocabulary, inspiring and poignant music, an array of US Presidents, and an opportunity to see how individual actions shaped world events and relations.

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.

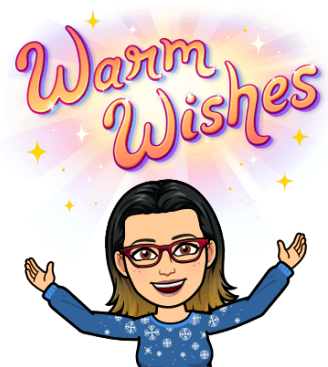
As a reminder, students are responsible for 20 minutes of independent reading every day. Each student will take a quiz on the book they read during D.E.A.R. time.

Language Arts with Ms. Rodieck

We started reading *Woodson* by Gary Paulsen. This is in addition to the Gary Paulsen Book Club Book students are reading. This week, they were asked to compare and contrast the two books. In *Woodson*, we are learning about how Paulsen learned to run sled dogs. The book will end with him describing one of the times he ran the Iditarod in Alaska.

We started learning specific rules for using commas and continued our work on verb usage. Next week we will talk about commas used in dates, address, and letters. It would be helpful if students know their home address as we will use it in a business letter. It is a great real-world application of how to use commas correctly.

We will continue the introduction to the research unit and will pick a topic to research and start the research. Humanities also continues as their Friday asynchronous lesson that is used for attendance purposes.



Hug the ones you love whether in person or virtually.

Technology with Ms. Ferguson

All Technology students are currently working on creating their own Google Website! This website will be a portfolio of some of their most notable assignments or projects that they have completed so far this year. This will be something that the students will continue to add to each year that they have Technology and throughout high school, giving them a great collection of work to include in their college applications! Many of the students are extremely excited about this project and I cannot wait to see the finished products!

ART with Ms. L

This week in art we wrapped up filming and began editing our films in preparation for next week's screening!

Physical Education:

DCS PE will be back on campus, next week & we can't wait!!! :) We will be continuing our New Units: Coach P. "Spikeball, Coach Levand "Frisbee Golf" & Coach Williams "Ramp Shop," when we get back on January 25th, as well as incorporating "PT Tuesday's!"

Parents/Guardians, please continue to make sure students are checking their "Google PE Classroom" daily for assignments, as well as reading & following the directions thoroughly, for assignments being posted by each individual Coach!

Enjoy your weekend...Wash your hands & Continue to stay safe!!! :)

Music with Mr. Dougherty:

DCS 7/8 Music students are continuing to use Soundtrap, a cloud based music composing program that integrates with Google Classroom. We have learned how to compose various drum grooves. Students are now focusing briefly on music theory fundamentals. Since we will not be having our typical end of trimester concert, students will be working a culminating end of semester project that represents what they have learned this trimester.