

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 27!

This week: We began watching our colleagues' volcano presentations. Can we be any more impressed? Because of the creative freedom they were given, each presentation added its own flare. Whether it be using unique supplies and resources, an avant garde way to record and present, or even a novel use of sound effects, text and lighting, all presentations viewed thus far have impressed!

Next week: We will watch the remaining volcano video presentations and continue learning about rocks and minerals.

Math with Mrs. Zuniga

friday's attendance question does go in the gradebook

Recording of my lessons are posted in google classroom.

Announcement for all classes: UC Davis test for 2nd trimester will be taken on Tuesday, February 23.

Varsity: We have started multiplying decimals. Tuesday we will work in groups to work on money problems. We will then move onto multiplying numbers with decimals in both factors.

Scholastic: We have learned how to add and subtract integers. We will continue to practice these concepts on Tuesday before we start to learn the rules for multiplying integers.

Honors: We got through the first two lessons of our new unit. Students will have a quiz on Wednesday focusing on ratios, unit rates and proportions. Tuesday will be for reviewing our quiz and then we will start the new lesson of similar figures on Thursday.

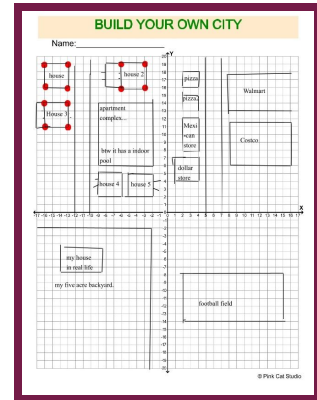
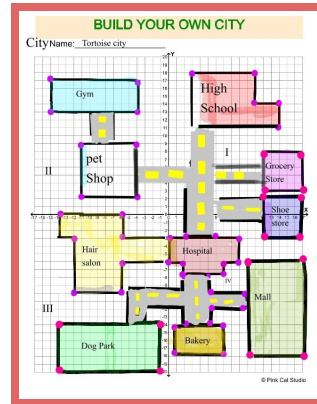
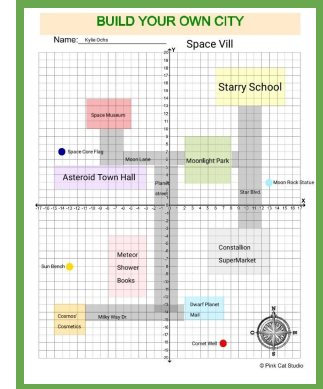
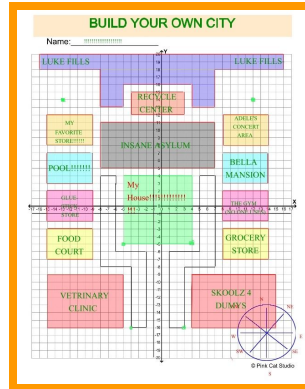
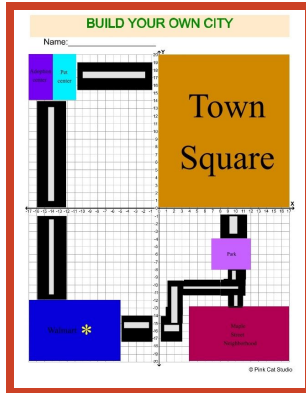
Math with Mrs. Nijjar

Varsity: We spent this week learning about prime factorization and GCF. Students enjoyed solving escape rooms and playing Kahoot while reinforcing the math concepts. In the coming weeks, students will be learning about T-charts and LCM.

Scholastic: Students this week learned about coordinate planes and enjoyed planning a blueprint for their own city. In the coming weeks, students will be learning about adding and subtracting integers.

Honors: Students this week learned about using ratios and proportions for similar figures and dilation. Students reviewed the concepts of coordinate planes by planning their own town and making a blueprint of it on a coordinate plane. In the coming week, students will be taking the unit-4 test. Please review the lessons and assignments posted on Google classroom after the previous unit test to prepare for the test.

Some of the students' work posted below:



****All of my students will be taking the Davis test in the last last week of February.

Language Arts with Mr. Harding

We are enjoying our new novel, Woodson, by Gary Paulsen. I will announce a project beginning the week of February 15th. My goal as an educator is to help the children enjoy a great classic. We will learn what makes a story work and what makes a story great.

We now start class with Daily Diagramming. The students are mastering subject, predicate, direct object. When possible, we are using upcoming sentences from the novel. The in class students are excited when the sentence is revealed in full context.

Many students and parents are asking what they can do to improve grades. Due to complications with technology, our in class time with software apps is usually cut short. To improve your grade, continue to turn everything in completed and on time, but also spend extra time on IXL and Accelerated Reader, or NoRedInk. This independent practice is the best way to teach grammar and reading skills online because of the rapid

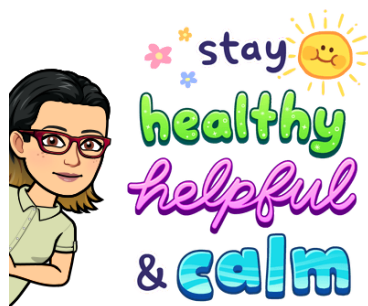
fire questions and immediate feedback. Time online and number of questions answered correctly are the grading factors.

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

Language Arts with Ms. Rodieck

This week we continued to read *Woodson* and talked about the different types of conflicts we saw with the different stories he was telling in the book. We learned about some very weird things that he witnessed in nature while he was training his sled team for the Iditaroid. Students have all been assigned a second Paulsen book to read independently and they should be at least half way through the book.

We have started our research and will start writing different types of essays starting with a descriptive one to explain our topic.



All classes are continuing with Diagramming and we will all be looking at Prepositions and how to diagram them the next few weeks.

Humanities also continues as their Friday asynchronous lesson that is used for attendance purposes. We will continue to look at art from the Cold War period, specifically Soviet Art next.

Hug the ones you love whether in person or virtually.

Technology with Ms. Ferguson

All of the Technology classes just finished and turned in their e-portfolio Google Websites that they have developed and published themselves! Over the next week the students both online and in person will be presenting their websites to their classmates. Next week is week 11 of 14 for their trimester in Technology, the students will be moving on to their next electives soon!

ART with Ms. L

This week in art we celebrated Black History Month by researching contemporary black artists and drawing inspiration from their work to create portraits.

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.