

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 29!

This week: All volcano presentations have been viewed and they were great! We started learning more details about the rock cycle and the 3 types of rocks, including how they are formed.

Next week: We conclude the trimester with our unit test on Rocks and Minerals, Thursday Feb. 25th. Then, on to a new semester and learning about Ecology!

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 began multiplying with decimals in both factors. The students are doing great, but need more practice on where to place the decimal point. Monday we will take a look at dividing decimals, but also go back and review multiplying decimals. The class is at the end of the unit and will be taking their unit test the first week of March which is the last week of the trimester.

Scholastic: We finished learning the lessons on multiplying and dividing integers. We are at the end of the unit and our focus for this week will be on reviewing operations of integers with a quiz next Thursday. The unit test will take place the first week of March which is the last week of the trimester.

Honors: We took our first quiz for Unit 3 on rates, ratios and proportions and have now moved on to similar figures. Monday we will begin finding missing measurements in similar figures before moving on to dilations. The next quiz will take place the first week of March which is the last week of the trimester.

Math with Mrs. Nijjar

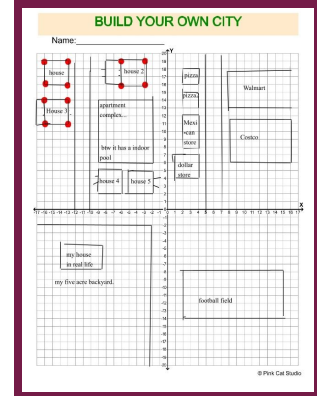
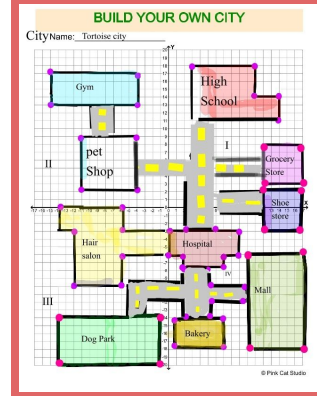
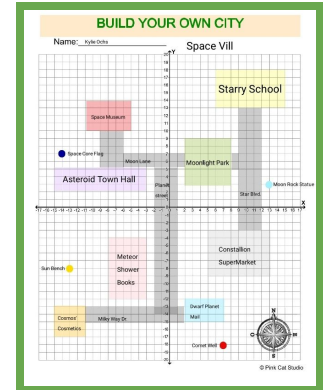
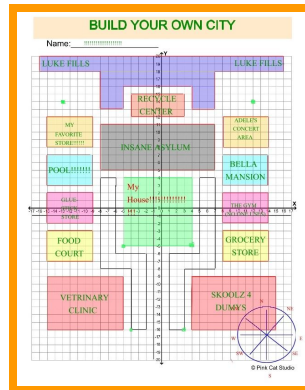
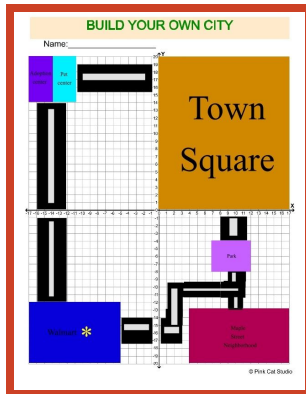
Varsity: We spent this week learning about prime factorization and GCF. Students enjoyed solving escape rooms and playing Kahoot while reinforcing the math concepts. In the coming weeks, students will be learning about T-charts and LCM.

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 is 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. Our writing and research project for this book is a Biography about the author. This assignment is a major project with multiple stages that build upon each other.

We now start class with Daily Diagramming. We have added linking verbs, nominatives, and prepositional phrases. When possible, we are using upcoming sentences from the novel. The in class students are excited when the sentence is revealed in full context.

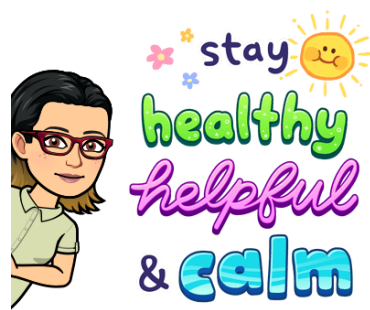
Many students and parents are asking what they can do to improve grades. Missing assignments is the number one contributor to poor grades. Quite often, students asking how to improve their grade have not done the work required the previous day. The research writing project is 20% of the total grade. This assignment has many steps and needs each stage completed to move on. The research biography should be your main focus if you want to improve your grade.

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

The second part of our book is about the first time Gary Paulsen ran the Iditarod. There is an interesting website - <https://iditarod.com/> - that we will be looking at as we read the next part of the book. Students should be nearly done with their independent book by Gary Paulsen and a book brochure report is due in two weeks (it will be on their Trimester 3 grades).

Our next essay will be a compare and contrast essay about our research topic.



All classes are continuing with Diagramming and we will all be looking at Prepositions and how to diagram them the next few weeks. Students will also be taking a 'final' on the grammar that we have covered this trimester.

Humanities also continues as their Friday asynchronous lesson that is used for attendance purposes. Next we will look at some art from around the world during the Cold War period.

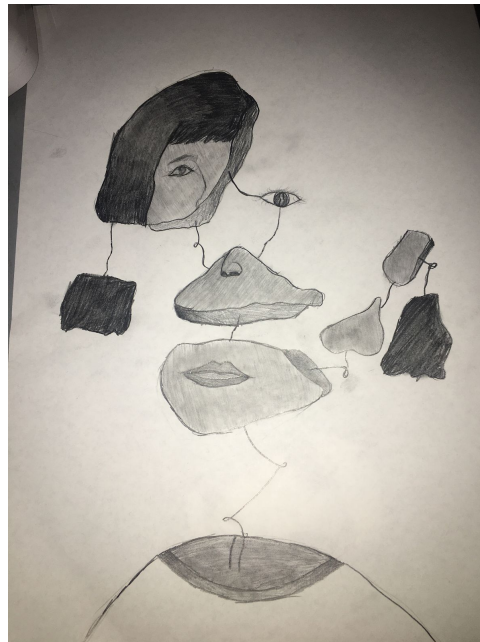
Hug the ones you love whether in person or virtually.

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 learned about contemporary and surrealism and created our own surreal art!



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.