

5th/6th Grade Classes:

Social Studies with Mr. Bird:

Students finished their unit on the 13 Colonies and wrapped it up by creating a detailed project on Google Slides about each of the colonies. Then, students demonstrated their knowledge of the colonies by writing an essay about the three main regions: New England, Middle Colonies, and the Southern Colonies.

Next week, students in social studies will begin their next unit on the causes of the American Revolution. We will first begin with a lesson on the Seven Years' War (also known as the French and Indian War), George Washington's involvement, and the effects of the war in the colonies. Students will also begin to understand why the colonists started to rebel against Great Britain.

Science with Ms. Diaz

Greetings Scientists, congratulations on completing week 30!

This week: We put our hearts and minds to studying for the Rocks and Minerals unit test, which was Thursday. All the hardwork of studying flashcards, the rock cycle, the rock chart and how the three different types of rocks are made culminated to this point! What a great way to close a unit and a trimester :-)

Next week: A bit of a breather! An intro to our next topic interspersed with some class fun.

Math with Mrs.Zuniga

friday's attendance question does go in the gradebook

Recording of my lessons are posted in google classroom.

Varsity: We will begin the week with reviewing operations of decimals. Thursday, we will have a unit test to end the second trimester.

Scholastic: We will begin the week reviewing Unit 4. Thursday we will take our Unit 4 test.

Honors: Monday begins a new concept for our class. We will look at how to use similar figures with indirect measurement. Tuesday and Wednesday will be review before we have our first quiz for unit 3.

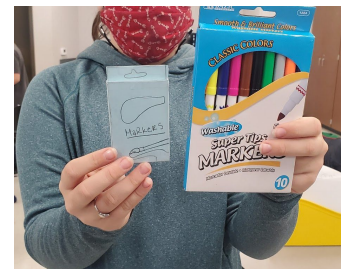
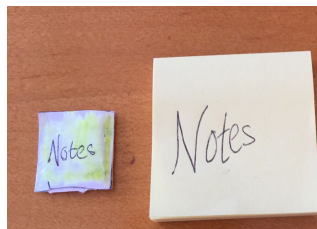
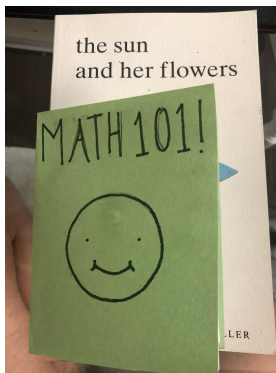
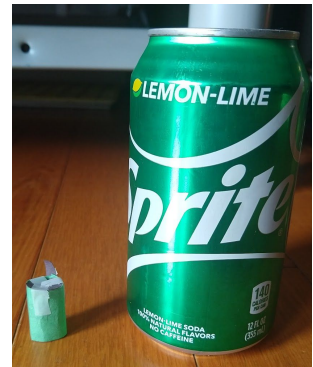
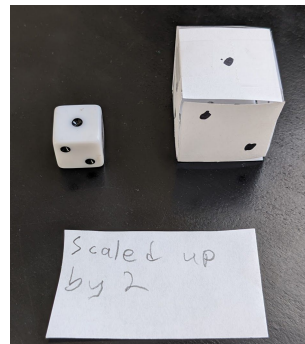
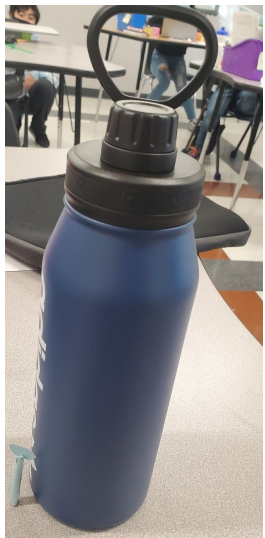
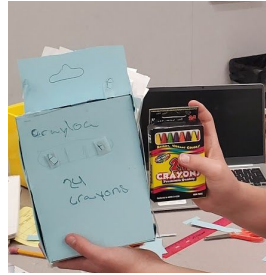
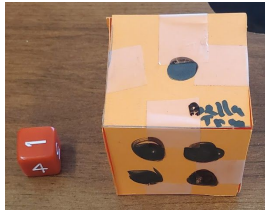
Math with Mrs. Nijjar

Varsity: We spent this week learning about prime factorization, GCF, and LCM. Students enjoyed solving escape rooms and playing Kahoot while reinforcing the math concepts. In the coming week, students will be taking the unit-4 test.

Scholastic: Students this week learned about integer operations - adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing integers. In the coming week, students will be taking the unit-4 test.

Honors: Students this week learned about angles, identifying angles, measuring angles using a protractor, and finding the missing angle measurements. In the coming week, students will be learning about congruent and similar shapes.

Some of the students' work posted below showing scaled-up or scaled-down models of the objects of their choice.



Language Arts with Mr. Harding

We are enjoying our new novel, Woodsong, 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.

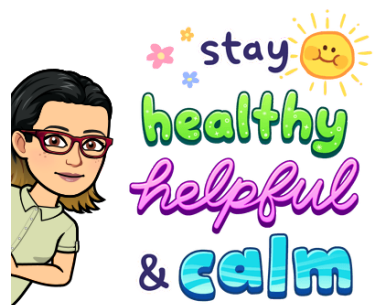
We now start class with Daily Diagramming. We have added linking verbs, nominatives, and prepositional phrases. When possible, we are using upcoming sentences from the novel. The in class students are excited when the sentence is revealed in full context.

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. The assignment is due next week.**

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

Trimester 2 ends this week and we will be finishing up 'The Race' part of *Woodsong* and the book. They are completing a project during class time that will be the final for the book. Students should be nearly done with their independent book by Gary Paulsen and a book brochure report is due March 11th (it will be on their Trimester 3 grades).



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.

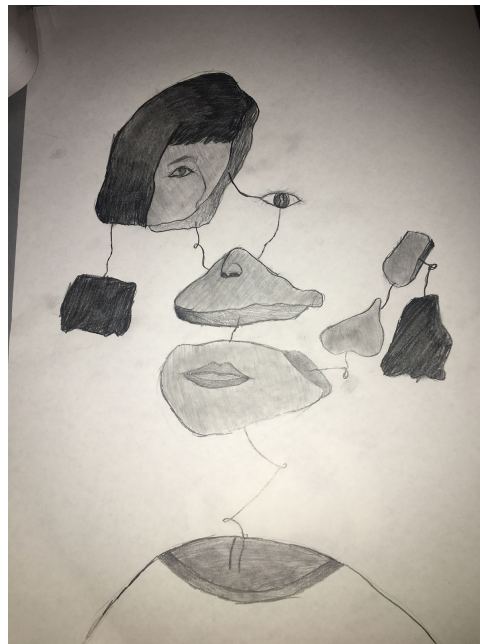
Hug the ones you love whether in person or virtually.

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... This week in art students worked on capstone projects ranging from sculptures, films, and original music to home-baked desserts!



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.