

5th/6th Grade Classes:

Yearbook Announcement:

Calling for photos

The theme of this year's yearbook is Overcoming Challenges and one of the biggest challenges was starting the year with Distance Learning.

If you have photos of students learning anything - school or not - at home during August, September, and October please send them in with a blurb or caption about what was being learned or what challenge to learning was being overcome.

If you took a picture of your son or daughter's first day of school (way back in August), we would love to include those in the yearbook also.

Please send photos to dcsyearbook@tracylc.net

More information to come about 8th grade dedications, cap and gown photos, ordering a yearbook and all to come.

****Attention all 6th Grade Parents****

Please remember it is now time to schedule your 6th grader's TDAP Vaccine. This is the required booster for Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and is a government mandated vaccine to enter 7th Grade. Without a record of this vaccine, your student may not enter 7th grade.

Thank you.

Social Studies with Mr. Bird:

Students will be learning about the Declaration of Independence this week and continue learning about important battles of the Revolutionary War.

Science with Ms. Diaz

Greetings Scientists, congrats on completing Week 39!

This week: We completed our Earth Science Unit and as a celebration had a class party on Thursday. All scientist showed great mastery of the material by scoring 100% on all three practice quizzes.

Next week: We start our last unit of the trimester, Life Sciences: Ecosystems. The seeds for our final project will be available in the front-office from Monday and be there the entire week. In class students will be given theirs to take home. All online students need to pick theirs up from the office.

Math with Mrs.Zuniga

friday's attendance question does go in the gradebook

Recording of my lessons are posted in google classroom.

Varsity: We took our first quiz on fractions and equivalent fractions. Next week we will begin looking at improper and mixed numbers to start adding and subtracting like fractions so students are prepared during state testing.

Scholastic: We finished our unit 5 test this week. We also started to learn about adding and subtracting like fractions to get a grasp on understanding the necessary steps before we begin to add and subtract unlike fractions.

Honors: We began learning about triangles and the triangle sum theorem. We also started to learn about the sum of angles in polygons. Our next lesson is on congruent triangles and polygons.

Math with Mrs. Nijjar

Varsity: We completed unit-5 this week. This unit included the concepts of gcf, lcm, equivalent fractions, simplified fractions, and converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. In the coming week, students will be taking a unit test.

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Language Arts with Mr. Harding

The *Woodson* Illustrated Race Diaries look great! They show great reflection, effort, and ability to glean deeper meaning from the text. What a great way to end the unit.

We have begun our third book for the year, *The Girl who Drank the Moon*. We completed the first few chapters to introduce the main characters and setting. This will be an entertaining read, with a female protagonist.

For Spring Break, students should take the opportunity to reinforce their grammar skills with the IXL Diagnostic or NoRedInk Practice for the quiz. I recommend daily, but no more than 20 minutes per day, as is the case with other general exercise. Everyone, please go for a walk, jog, garden - find something to do outside to enjoy the Spring.

Language Arts with Ms. Rodieck

We are continuing to read *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. At this point in the book we are reading about events that change the main characters. Soon several of our characters are going to meet.

We will continue with conjunctions - particularly using them to write better sentences and diagramming. Writing continues with conclusions and alternate endings to stories.

This week's Friday Humanities lesson ties into the in-class novel - Quatrain Poetry. One of our characters uses poetry to explain things. Students are writing a poem about something from the book - much like Glerk, the Swamp Monster.

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!



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.