

## *Study Club is Now Open*

Need some help with homework or help with navigating your on-line classes, Study Club is now open on-line Monday - Thursday from 1-2 pm. It is set up through a Google Classroom - class code i4qa3ga. Click on the Zoom link at the top of the stream page for help.

Tuesday and Thursday we have a Math Tutor available to help out with Math.

### *5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes:*

#### **Social Studies with Mr. Bird and Ms. Ferguson:**

This past week the students began their unit on the Age of Exploration. They turned in two “guided notes” assignments that they will find useful next Thursday (9-17) when they have a short quiz on The Age of Exploration. This week the students were also given some time on Friday towards the end of class to use the website Nitro Type where they get to practice their typing skills by “racing” their classmates. If you would like your students to practice their typing skills, [typingclub.com](http://typingclub.com) is a great resource with over 300 lessons! Just have them create an account using “sign up with Google”.

Next week beginning on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> the students will be learning about each explorer in more detail and will be creating a project in Google Slides. The students will have a quiz on Thursday

the 17th (as mentioned above), we STRONGLY recommend having your students look over their “guided notes” before the quiz!

### Science with Ms. Diaz and Mr. Dougherty

Greetings Scientists! You must have ‘heard’ what we did this week because we made some more music!

**This week:** on Tuesday we watched a short video segment explaining the preparations that are made in the case of a pandemic situation, and the problems that exist with implementing these actions. The rest of the week was more musical fun with continued lessons on science in music, focusing on pitch and volume (frequency, wavelength and amplitudes of sound waves).

**Next week:** we are starting our Mystery Substance experiment so be sure to have all supplies ready to go. In addition, please make sure your parent/guardian did the pre-experiment set up for you. I emailed instructions.

**Mission to Mars:** The trip, rescheduled to November, is still a go, I repeat, is still a go. Over and out. I emailed the trip coordinator for updates and I will share more info in the next couple of weeks.

### Math with Mrs. Zuniga

**Varsity:** Before beginning division, we focused on multiplying by powers of 10 this week. Next week, we will begin our division concepts.

**Scholastic:** Students took their first quiz for unit 2. Our next look was at rounding decimal numbers and changing decimals to fractions.

**Honors:** Our class finished our third quiz this week. We are moving into scientific notation and will be having our first test soon, so keep an ear out for that.

## Math with Mrs. Nijjar



**Varsity:** Students this week learned about dividing whole numbers by 2 digit numbers. In the coming weeks, students will be learning about different strategies to divide 2-digit whole numbers and solving the word problems.

**Scholastic:** Students this week learned about place value, rounding whole numbers, comparing, and multiplying by powers of ten. In the coming week students will be taking their very first unit test for this academic year.



**Honors:** Students in this week learned about PEMDAS and practiced solving exponents. In the coming weeks, students will be learning about evaluating algebraic equations and translating phrases to equations. This week students enjoyed playing the Exponent Escape Room.

## Language Arts with Mr. Harding

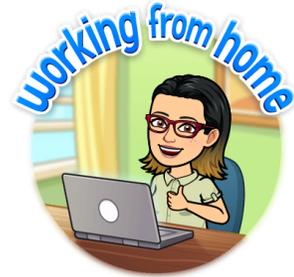
Week 5 was not a short week at all. We learned a little about the Korean War, Japanese American internment camps, K-Pop in present day North Korea, and managed to improve our grammar. With so much activity, I will be taking more grades every week. Students will need to sit up, participate with the class and finish their work daily. Be sure to check Google Classroom for upcoming due dates and Aeries for grades.

I now hold open office hours from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. No appointment needed, first come, first served. The link is available in Google Classroom. With assistance available during and after class, students will be held accountable for turning in assignments on time.

In week 6 we turn our focus to the story of a man behind enemy lines who finds a book, and then proves, “how much damage a single secret agent could inflict on an enemy superpower.” It sounds like a movie, it might need a trailer.

## Language Arts with Ms. Rodieck

This week we focused on characters. We talked about characters in the book or short stories. Honors and Scholastic picked NewsELA articles to read about someone who has overcome challenges. We ended the week with reflecting on our own challenges in Distance Learning and how we are or can overcome those challenges.



Scholastic and Honors took their Chapter Two quiz of Spies and we are moving one to Chapter Three, The Double. We will be learning about the Korean War and how it turned a patriotic soldier into a Double Agent for MI6 and the KGB.

Did you know that 30% of the students' grades is Writing and Projects? There are several students that have not submitted writing assignments. They can still submit these for 50% of the grade.

Many teachers are setting up an office hour a week. My office hour is Monday - Thursday 1-2 through the Study Club class. If someone is struggling with completing their work in class or their homework, they can come to Study Club and I will help them out. If I need to set a meeting with a parent, it will be done outside of Study Club on an as needed basis.