

## Quarter 1 Update - Grade 6/Team 2 - November 2023

<b>READING</b> <b>Sara Mikkelson</b>	<p>Students will continue with class routines, including CPR, Reading Plus, Wondering Wednesday, and DIRT! Our next units of study will focus on identifying poetic devices and analyzing text using Costa's Levels of Inquiry: three tiers of questioning designed to deepen understanding, create connections, and promote critical thinking.</p>
<b>WRITING</b> <b>Monika Burkhead</b>	<p>Students have been learning a variety of word parts (all roots, but we will also do prefixes, and suffixes). They have been introduced to No Red Ink, an on-line program that is used to practice writing skills taught in class. Students have also finished their first composition (Open Genre Piece). Each writing piece we work on will have a booklet with all the steps involved. It is a <i>helpful resource</i> for students and families.</p>
<b>MATH</b> <b>Ryan Schnaith</b>	<p>Students have recently been delving into pre-algebra skills, including solving one and two step equations, scientific notation, and understanding the effects of multiplying by powers of 10. If your student has a test score they're unhappy with, they are always welcome to come in sometime outside of class hours to make corrections for half credit back. The best times to do that are before school, study hall, and after school.</p>
<b>SCIENCE</b> <b>Karen Lane</b>	<p>We have just finished our first unit in our OpenSciEd curriculum called Rock Cycling and Plate Tectonics. Students have studied six mountain peaks all over the world to develop an understanding of what causes mountains to change and move. Our next unit will be: Weather, Climate and Water Cycling. (Karen Lane will continue as Dan Kust's long term substitute until December 6.)</p>
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b> <b>Heather Ryden</b>	<p>So far we have learned how primary sources help us to learn about the past, created an extensive map of Minnesota, and learned about the culture and traditions of the early Dakota and Ojibwe. Next up is our Fur Trade unit, which is always a student favorite! We will have a special program for students on 11/17, <i>The Fur Trade with Bill Beckman!</i> Fur Trade Projects are the only homework for November and due 11/20.</p>
<b>TEAM NOTES</b>	<p>As quarter one draws to a close, we want to recognize how well our students have adjusted to being middle schoolers! They have learned new routines, become more independent and embraced new challenges. We had a very festive End-of-Quarter Celebration on the last day of the quarter, and we're excited to head into quarter two!</p> <p>Reminders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You can find daily updates for each class in <a href="#">Daily Lesson Highlights</a>.</li> <li>2. Refer to Schoology for specific assignments and directions.</li> <li>3. Refer to Skyward Gradebook to check grades.</li> </ol> <p>Thank you for the support and encouragement you provide at home!</p>

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