Quarter 1 Update - Grade 6/Team 2 - November 2024

ENGLISH Sara Mikkelson	We will continue with class routines, including CPR, Reading Plus, and DIRT! For the next unit of study, students will read and analyze mentor texts representing various genres and complete quick writes inspired by them. Then they will select one piece to take through the writing process. As a culminating activity, students will create a "sampler" slide showcasing a favorite paragraph or portion to share with classmates.
MATH Ryan Schnaith	Students have recently been delving into pre-algebra skills, including solving one-step equations, operations with decimals, and operations with fractions. If your student has a test score they're unhappy with, they are encouraged to come in during 4th-hour study hall or after school to make corrections for half credit back. All test corrections should be done within one week of testing!
SCIENCE Angie Schock	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.
SOCIAL STUDIES Heather Ryden	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 11/15, The Fur Trade with Bill Beckman! Fur Trade Projects are the only homework for November and due on 11/25.
LAUNCH Jenna Schlatter	During our second quarter of Launch students will continue to practice (and fine tune) organizational skills. We will continue our work with written communication and you can expect to get a few more emails from your child! We have started a unit on Goal Setting; students will monitor their progress towards a long-term goal. As the quarter progresses we will learn about building connections and managing stress.
TEAM NOTES	 This quarter, we are pleased to report that our Team 2 students have learned new routines, become more independent and embraced new challenges. We had a fun Fall Festival on the last day of the quarter to celebrate these accomplishments! Some students are still adjusting to completing and submitting assignments on time. Every day after school, students should refer to DLH, Schoology and their planners to remember what tasks they need to complete at home. Reminders: You can find daily updates for each class in Daily Lesson Highlights. Refer to Schoology for specific assignments and directions. Refer to Skyward Gradebook to check grades. Thank you for the support and encouragement you provide at home!

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