

Quarter 2 Update - Grade 6/Team 2 - January 2024

READING Sara Mikkelson	<p>We just finished reading <i>The Giver</i>, a thought-provoking Newbery novel that provided an opportunity to examine some big ideas, including the importance of choice and the need for connection with others. In our next unit, we will read a variety of texts and view media addressing the essential question: How do animals and people interact?</p>
WRITING Monika Burkhead	<p>We have completed our Feature Article writing project. We began by choosing a nonfiction topic, did some research, and learned how to avoid plagiarizing. After creating a piece of nonfiction writing, we converted it into a magazine article with text features. It was a long process, but well worth it!</p>
MATH Ryan Schnaith	<p>In quarter two, students explored and applied fractions, ratios, rates, proportions, and percents. As we begin quarter three, students will first explore the basics terms and shapes of geometric objects. Later on in the quarter we will perform calculations involving area, perimeter, surface area, volume, and finally probability. After the MCAs, students will begin exploring pre-algebra topics and applied statistics.</p>
SCIENCE Dan Kust	<p>We are finishing up with our first half of the Open Sci Ed Unit on Weather, Climate and Water Cycling: Storms. We have focused on air masses and how heating and cooling air changes the characteristics of air and weather. We will then explore large scale interaction of air masses in different regions around the world.</p>
SOCIAL STUDIES Heather Ryden	<p>In quarter two, we studied the fur trade, land treaties between Dakota/Ojibwe and the United States, European immigrants in Minnesota in the mid 1800s, the Civil War and the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. Next up is homesteading in the late 1800s! Be sure to ask your student about the Homestead Game in the weeks ahead!</p>
TEAM NOTES	<p>The end of quarter two marks the halfway point of the school year! Final grades will be available next week. Continue to expect some homework every night, which should typically take an hour or less. We enjoy working with our Team 2 students and appreciate your support at home!</p> <p>Reminders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refer to Daily Lesson Highlights for daily updates and homework assignments. 2. Refer to Schoology for specific assignments and directions. 3. Refer to Skyward Gradebook to check grades.

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