

## Quarter 3 Family Newsletter - Grade 6/Team 2 - January 2026

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| ENGLISH<br>Sara Mikkelson       | In quarter 3, students are continuing Arts & Letters Module 2: <i>Free to Learn</i> , exploring the courageous story of Malala Yousafzai. They are observing how the courage of advocates who take risks to stand against injustice—such as Malala and her father—often inspires others to advocate for equality as well. As a final task, students are writing an informative essay that defines human rights and explains how each of Malala's parents demonstrated their commitment to the human right of education.   |
| MATH<br>Ryan Schnaith           | 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, with a primary emphasis on angle relationships. Later on in the quarter we will perform calculations involving area, perimeter, surface area, volume, and finally probability.  |
| SCIENCE<br>Angie Schock         | In quarter two we completed our second Open Sci Ed Unit called <i>Weather, Climate and Water Cycling: Storms</i> . We learned how convection and conduction work in earth's water cycle. We discovered what low and high pressure systems mean, as well as cold and warm fronts. We also learned about global winds and why they occur. Looking ahead, upcoming units include <i>Natural Disasters</i> and <i>Earth in Space</i> .  |
| SOCIAL STUDIES<br>Heather Ryden | 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, and the U.S. Civil War. We will start quarter three with the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, and then we will dive into homesteading in Minnesota in the late 1800s. Be sure to ask your student about the Homestead Game in the weeks ahead!  |
| TEAM NOTES                      | <p>The end of quarter two marks the halfway point of the school year! Final grades will be posted by the end of the day on 1/26. 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"> <li>1. Refer to <a href="#">Daily Lesson Highlights</a> for daily updates and homework assignments.</li> <li>2. Refer to Schoology for specific assignments and directions.</li> <li>3. Refer to Skyward Gradebook to check grades.</li> <li>4. Please make sure iPads are charged to 100% every night. Thank you!</li> </ol> |

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