

Quarter 3 Family Update - Grade 6/Team 2 - March 2025

ENGLISH Sara Mikkelson	<p>In quarter 2, students applied each stage of the writing process for an Open-Genre piece. We also read and analyzed poetry and poetic devices. In quarter 3, we studied <i>The Lightning Thief</i>. Students examined what mythology is, its relevance now, and how/why point of view changes with experience. Looking ahead, we will explore how people persevere through hardship. Students will build understanding through literary and informational texts.</p>
MATH Ryan Schnaith	<p>In quarter 3, students explored various geometry applications ranging from naming 2D and 3D shapes, identifying parts of different geometric figures, and performing calculations such as perimeter, circumference, area, surface area, and volume (prisms only). As we begin quarter 4, we will complete our comprehensive review to prepare for the upcoming MCAs. Pre-Algebra students will continue to master 7th-grade topics, while 6th-grade Math A and AA will learn about probability, statistics, and finances.</p>
SCIENCE Angie Schock	<p>We concluded our unit on Natural Disasters focusing on Tsunami mitigation projects while using criteria and constraints. At the end of 3rd quarter we started the unit on Earth and Space. Students will learn about indigenous cultures and how the patterns on the skies set the rhythm for their lives. We will explore the lunar cycle and learn how the atmosphere absorbs and bends light from the sun. Our final unit, Natural Resources and Human Impact, focuses on the changes happening within our Earth systems and the impact on communities.</p>
SOCIAL STUDIES Heather Ryden	<p>In quarters 2 and 3, we studied the fur trade, land treaties between Dakota/Ojibwe and the United States, European immigrants in the mid 1800s, the Civil War, the U.S.-Dakota War, homesteading, the flour/lumber/iron industries of the late 1800s, and the reform efforts toward the common good during the progressive movement. Next we'll launch into the 20th century! Our field trip is on May 9! Please fill out the permission form as soon as possible. Thank you!</p>
LAUNCH Jenna Schlatter	<p>Quarter 3 of Launch was all about research! We learned how to identify reliable sources online and how to navigate websites to find information. We completed a research project where students picked a college or trade school that interested them, then students researched the school and took notes from two reliable sources. Students compiled their notes into a project and designed a pennant for the college they researched. Students then practiced their communication skills and sent a professional email to the college!</p>
TEAM NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure to ask your student about their recent registration for 7th grade classes! • MCA Reading will take place April 14-18. MCA Math will be April 21-25. <i>Please make sure your student is well rested and comes with a fully charged iPad each day.</i> • Reminders: Refer to Daily Lesson Highlights for daily updates, refer to Schoology for specific assignments, and refer to Skyward Gradebook to check grades. • The end of the school year is in sight! Please encourage your student to continue to work hard and show Raider PRIDE in all of their classes. Thank you!

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