

## Quarter 3 Update - Grade 6/Team 2 - March 2024

<b>READING</b> Sara Mikkelson	We just finished our Natural Allies unit. We will soon begin another unit titled <i>Never Give Up</i> . Students will read about people and characters who refuse to give up, despite the hardships they face. We will consider different ways to face challenges and stay strong. The texts we will read center on the Essential Question: What keeps people from giving up?
<b>WRITING</b> Monika Burkhead	The students finished the SAVVAS Growing Up unit and completed writing personal narratives. In quarter 4, we will be working on argumentative writing using the HMH program. We will also begin a unit on poetry and learn about various poets. We will continue with word parts, grammar and No Red Ink.
<b>MATH</b> Ryan Schnaith	In quarter 3, students explored various geometry applications ranging from naming 2D and 3D shapes, identifying parts of various 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. AA will continue to explore Pre-Algebra concepts, and A will learn about probability and statistics.
<b>SCIENCE</b> Dan Kust	We concluded our unit on Natural Disaster focusing on an engineering lab about tsunami protection. 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.
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b> Heather Ryden	In quarter 3, we studied homesteading, the flour/lumber/iron industries in the late 1800s, new immigrants and growth of cities in the late 1800s/early 1900s, and the focus on working for the common good in the late 1800s/early 1900s. Next we'll launch into WWI, the Great Depression, WWII, the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement and Minnesota today. We are looking forward to our field trip to Historic Fort Snelling on May 31! Please fill out the permission and payment form by April 26 (the earlier, the better)! Thank you!
<b>TEAM NOTES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our 6th graders recently registered for 7th grade classes. Be sure to ask your student about their selections!</li> <li>• The MCA reading test will take place April 15-19. MCA math will be April 22-26. <i>Please make sure your student is well rested and comes with a fully charged iPad each day.</i></li> <li>• Reminders: Refer to <a href="#">Daily Lesson Highlights</a> for daily updates and homework assignments, refer to Schoology for specific assignments/directions and refer to Skyward Gradebook to check grades.</li> <li>• Our students have had a great 6th grade year thus far! Please encourage your student to continue to work hard and show Raider PRIDE in all of their classes.</li> </ul>

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