

Quarter 4 Family Newsletter - Grade 6/Team 2 - March 2026

<p>ENGLISH Sara Mikkelson</p>	<p>In quarter 3, students finished Arts & Letters Module 2: Free to Learn. In Module 3: Jade and Water, students will learn how traditions influence art and culture. During this unit, they will study art and read a variety of knowledge-building texts. They will also read <i>A Single Shard</i>, a Newbery Medal-winning novel about Tree-ear, a 12-year-old Korean orphan in the 12th century. Students will learn about cultural traditions as they follow his journey to becoming an artist in this story of courage, honesty, and determination.</p>
<p>MATH Ryan Schnaith</p>	<p>In quarter 3, Pre-Algebra 6 students covered various geometry topics, including area, perimeter, angle relationships, surface area, and volume. Math 6 students began their third and final curriculum pilot. They mastered operations with decimals and were introduced to integers and absolute value. As we begin quarter 4, Pre-Algebra 6 students will explore more 7th-grade topics such as functions, probability, and statistics. Math 6 students will start working with expressions, equalities, and inequalities. We hope to have a curriculum selected soon. Thank you all for your patience and support as we have navigated through all of the changes and challenges.</p>
<p>SCIENCE Angie Schock</p>	<p>We concluded our Natural Disasters unit focusing on tsunami mitigation projects while using criteria and constraints. At the end of third quarter we started the Earth in Space unit. 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>
<p>SOCIAL STUDIES Heather Ryden</p>	<p>In quarter 3, we studied homesteading, the flour/lumber/iron industries in the late 1800s, immigrants and growth of cities in the late 1800s and early 1900s, and the reform efforts toward the common good during the progressive movement. In quarter 4, we'll learn about WWI, the Great Depression, WWII, the Cold War era, the Civil Rights Movement, and Minnesota in the modern world. Also, we are looking forward to our field trip to the Minnesota History Center on Thursday, June 4! Please submit permission and payment as soon as possible. Thank you!</p>
<p>TEAM NOTES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure to ask your student about their recent registration for 7th grade classes! • MCA Math will start on April 13. MCA Reading will start on April 20. Please make sure your student is well rested and comes with a fully charged iPad each day. • 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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