

SMS Grade 6

Newsletter

September 30, 2022



Take a look to see what we've been working on so far!

**Social Studies:
Mr. Codair**

This week we did our final 5 themes of geography project and applied what we learned. Students completed their first summative grade for social studies and it was an overwhelming success. We turn our attention to physical geography in the coming weeks as we begin to talk about physical features of the earth. Be on the lookout for updated PowerSchool grades soon!

**Language Arts:
Mrs. Dowe**

This week we started to prepare for reading *The Giver* by creating our own perfect societies, ensuring that all elements within a society are addressed including, location, population, family structure, jobs, currency, education, government, energy, etc. Students will share their writing next week, discovering that it is impossible to create a perfect society that pleases everyone. Students are also starting to think about a product that they love to prepare for writing a letter to a company sharing their persuasive writing promoting a product of their choice! We also began vocabulary conferencing, so be on the lookout for vocabulary books coming home after ecology school.

**Math:
Mr. Felch**

This week in math, students completed their first summative assessment on ratios. Please be on the lookout for grades to post to PowerSchool next week.

Students are also working on 2-digit multiplication worksheets, as this is a skill students should be proficient within 6th grade. Students MUST complete at least one worksheet demonstrating proficiency with this skill by October 21st.

Feel free to ask your student about the contest I have created to make the 2-digit multiplication more interesting!

**Library Media:
Mrs. Harter**

Students began their first coding challenge this week with the CoderZ Amazon Cyber Robotics Challenge! They are being tasked with programming the Amazon Hercules Robot to help process orders in the Amazon Fulfillment Center. Students begin by learning how to code the drive units and then move on to a more authentic experience where they are interacting with pods and associates in order to process orders. Ask your child about CoderZ!

**Science:
Mrs. Hopkins**

This past week students have been investigating different relationships amongst living things in ecosystems. Next Monday students will have their first science summative in class. Flashcards have been made in class to help prepare for the vocab assessment. Try quizzing your student on the following words! Biotic, abiotic, ecosystem, producer, consumer, decomposer, herbivore, omnivore, carnivore, food web, food chain.

**Special Education Case
Manager:
Ms. Zammer**

Please know that I am available to help all students and I regularly consult with the team of teachers. Feel free to contact me anytime.

Reminders:

- **We are leaving for Ecology School next Tuesday, October 4th! Please check the packing list to make sure you are bringing the appropriate items. Please arrive at the normal morning drop-off with luggage. Check-in is in the gymnasium. We arrive Friday afternoon between 1:30-2:00 pm. Please arrive no later than 2:00 pm to pick up your student.**

At-Home Conversation Starters you can ask your kids:

- What book are you currently reading?
- What is your idea of a perfect society?
- What is a product you really enjoy using? Why?
- Share a success that you had this week.
- Do you have a favorite author?
- Where and when do you plan on doing your homework for math?
- What is required each day for math class? (A PENCIL)
- How do the 5 themes of geography apply to your daily life?
- Can you use these themes to decipher different regions of the world?
- What are biotic and abiotic factors?
- How do living things get their energy?
- What is CoderZ?

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