



Sixth Grade Newsletter



News from the Core Classrooms

English Language Arts: Mrs. VerDow

The sixth grade year is quickly coming to an end! As we begin the fourth quarter students will be involved in writing an argumentative essay and beginning test prep. The ELA state test is on April 2nd and April 3rd. This is the first year that students are required to write an essay on both testing days. Based on the amount of writing they have done in class, I believe they have the stamina to write multiparagraph essays each day! Their writing skills have improved, and I'm looking forward to their success on the writing portion of the test. After testing is complete, we will work on a poetry unit, presentation skills, and wrap up our year with a novel study that will showcase their writing skills. I have enjoyed getting to know your students this year. They are a wonderful class with many unique strengths! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Happy spring!

Math: Ms. Kolbe

We ended the third quarter learning about ratio, percent, and proportions. We are currently working on our geometry standards with area, surface area, and volume. We are also preparing and reviewing for the Math state test on April 15th and April 17th. Students have been working hard to decode word problems and show they understand how to solve them. I am confident these skills will help them on their state test. After testing, we will be working on data with mean, median, mode, and graphs. Students will also do more work with surface area, volume, and nets. This year has flown by and students have done great work in math! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you for your continued support!

Reading: Mrs. Caton

The focus for the third quarter was on Greek Mythology. The Greek myths in this unit explored questions and themes that help us understand the world around us, our role in it, and by building on the rights and responsibilities of humans in our world. Throughout the unit, the students practice and continue to develop the close reading strategies needed in answering questions when analyzing a piece of literature. The last quarter's focus will be a novel, *Summer of the Mariposas*. This text focuses on the Garza sisters' journey to find themselves, one another, and their family while on an adventure. It is a celebration of sisterhood and the true meaning of family and home. The standards covered in this text will provide the necessary skills to be successful throughout the rest of the year.

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Science: Mrs. Dilcher

Wow! I can't believe the 4th quarter is here! 6th grade science is wrapping up the school year with our Physical Science unit. In this unit students will be learning about atoms, elements, compounds as well as what is actually happening on the atomic level when matter changes states. If we are able to get through all of this, then we will move on to potential and kinetic energy and round out the year with motion graphs. Currently, we are working on properties of matter such as mass, volume and density and they have been able to do some great hands-on activities. Please take some time to ask your student what they are doing in science. Hopefully they are finding it interesting. As always, do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. I am here to help! Thank you so much for sharing your student with me. It has been a good year!

Social Studies: Miss Patterson

Third quarter flew by, and we've had an exciting time in Social Studies! Students explored the major world religions, journeyed through Ancient China, and strengthened their geography skills by learning about latitude and longitude, as well as the Five Themes of Geography. Right now, we're diving into geographic tools and different types of maps. As we enter the final stretch of the school year, there's still so much to look forward to! In the fourth quarter, we'll continue discovering more about our planet, including climates, weather, ecosystems, and biomes. One of the more exciting projects will be our create a biome project, where students will get to design their very own biome! I can't wait to see their creativity in action. It has been a good year so far, and I'm looking forward to finishing strong with this wonderful group of students! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Advanced Word Study: Mrs. Khan

Third quarter we worked a lot with R-controlled vowels. This is a challenging unit because some R-controlled vowels say the same sound, so when writing you have to use a process of elimination. We are now moving into vowel teams. With State Testing and due to the intensity of this unit, this could be our last unit of the year. This curriculum builds, so it is important that the class as a whole shows mastery in the unit before we move onto the next.

Math Lab: Mrs. J. Miller

Spring is finally here after a long cold winter. The sun is so nice to see! As we head into the last quarter of the school year I would like to stress how impressed I am with all the growth I have seen in this class. They have really worked hard at learning about area, perimeter, and surface area of shapes. We will be spending much of our time in the remainder of the year doing statistics and graphs. Make sure you keep up with your school work as the days get longer and warmer!

Resource Room Math: Mrs. Spicer

During the third quarter we focused on geometry, measurement and graphs. In geometry, we reviewed area and perimeter, and learned about volume and the different types of triangles. For measurement, we learned to convert both customary and metric measurements. We graphed points on the coordinate grid and learned about line plots.

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Resource Room Reading: Mrs. Culver/Miss Dalrymple

Hello, hello! This year has zoomed by and it is hard to believe that it is almost the end of the school year already! Students have been working hard and are making great progress this school year. We have finished our viking unit and have been working on our writing. Students have been working on the paragraph structure such as topic, supporting, and concluding sentences. I am looking forward to what the rest of the year will bring!

Wilson Reading: Mrs. Khan

This year has flown by and I am so proud of their work this year! We are continuing to work with multi-syllable words with the same syllable types. We have mastered compound words and are working with words with prefixes and suffixes. If time allows, we will introduce a new syllable type (V-E) at the end of the year.

News from the Encore Classrooms

Art: Ms. Henderly

Sixth graders have been hard at work on an oil pastel project focusing on the painting style of Vincent Van Gogh. They are so excited to start their clay donut project next week as well. It will feel like we have a bakery in the art room! Be on the lookout for some tasty treats coming home soon! Students will also be finalizing their portfolio of art for the 4th 9 weeks

Music: Mr. Savage

Band and choir families, our next concert is May 13th. The Choir concerts begin at 6pm and the bands begin at 7pm. Concerts are held in the Robert Trocchia Performing Arts Center.

Career: Mrs. Phillips

Students completed self-assessments to get a better understanding of their interests and aptitudes and how they best learn. They also discovered the world of XELLO, our online program that has provided them with engaging activities to build on their skills, knowledge, and plans for their future success. Mr. Funk came into class and spoke about XELLO and how this program will be used through middle school and high school. Students have also explored the different career clusters and career pathways and have learned about the importance of soft skills in the workplace (organization, time management, problem solving, critical thinking, teamwork) and how having those soft skills can help them throughout their lives.

Current Events: Mr. Sullivan

Hello everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed that 3rd quarter as much as I did with your student. We were able to discuss primary and secondary sources. We discussed point of view and bias in the media. We are now taking a look into political cartoons and how they are now used as a teaching tool for certain topics.

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Tech: Mrs. McCoy

For the third nine weeks in tech, students worked on a project-based assignment called the Lunar Cruise Lines. Each lesson asked students to learn and actively apply digital skills to help them solve real-world problems under the same theme: *it's 2050 and NASA has just declared that the moon is open to tourism*. Each lesson utilized a different component of the Google Platform, and helped them in creating the first *Lunar tourism company*. The unit culminated with students creating a Showcase of their company in Google Slides.

Wellness: Mrs. M. Miller - Greetings from Wellness! This spring semester is flying by. We will continue to focus on character traits and strengths and how they apply to our lives, especially focussing on our individual top 5 character traits. With this information, we will have a better understanding of ourselves and how we learn, develop a positive self-image, take responsibility for our actions and improve relationships with the people around us! Especially those that we might find are hard to get along with. This last quarter of the year we will have 2 movie studies we will do that directly correlate to social and emotional wellbeing and character strengths.

Other News

Art Club: Mrs. Henderly

Students in the 6th grade Art Club have met throughout the year. We have had an awesome time creating artwork together! The last Art Club workshop for the year will take place in a few weeks.

THE LAST ART CLUB WORKSHOP

When: 4/16/25

Time: After school until 4:00 PM

Where: Room 203 with Ms. Henderly

Leo Club: Mrs. Phillips

Leo Club Members are currently collecting stuffed animal donations as they work to provide the Columbus Children's Cancer Clinic with stuffed animals as the cancer center is depleted of stuffed animals. So far the Leo Club has received 32 stuffed animals and our goal is 50. Additionally, the students have been providing our school community support by emptying recycle bins for the building as we support and help our custodial staff. Our last project of the year will be our fleece blankets that we will be making for our Pre-K students. This is a special project for us. This year has been a great year of giving for the Leo Club. I am very proud of our Leo Club members and their commitment to their school community.

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