



Sixth Grade Forum!

December Curriculum Happy Holidays!

School Info:

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Social Studies:

We will be finishing up Chapter 7 as we head into December and then beginning Chapter 8: Big Businesses and Big Cities. In this chapter, students will learn about Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, and Samuel Gompers' contributions; the wave of immigrants that moved to the United States and the discrimination they faced; Jane Addams; and rights gained by women and African Americans. A test is tentatively scheduled for December 17th and 18th.

Science/Health:

We have started the unit "Electricity." In this unit students will learn about the properties of electricity. We will take a look at static electricity, how things are charged, items that repel and attract, compare wet and dry cells, open and closed circuits, conductors and non-conductors, series versus parallel currents, and switches. Students will be observing, recording data, inferring, and predicting while doing a number of hands-on experiments.

Math:

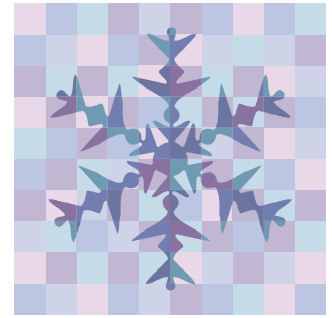
In Chapter 5 we will study number patterns and fractions. Fractions are an uncomfortable math concept for many sixth graders. Students will need to use their knowledge of decimals to solidify their understanding of fractions. Remember to visit www.classzone.com for extra practice and homework help!

Reading

We will wrap up Theme 2, *Friends to the Rescue*, with a nonfiction article about the great flood of 1993 when millions needed help. In theme 3, *Unlocking the Past*, students will learn about ancient cultures in informative articles and a play.

Language Arts:

We have begun our E-Mentoring partnership with General Mills. The students will write a new topic every other week, email it to their mentor, and then revise their writing on the opposite weeks.



Dates to Remember in

December:

- Eagle Celebration -Dec 2nd
- No School- Dec 4th
- December 7th: Tri 2 begins
- Report Cards home- Dec 9th
- ART lesson December 8/9
- Waffle Breakfast and Sing Along—Dec 18th
- No school: Dec 21st-Jan 3rd
- Back to school on Jan 4th!

Please keep reinforcing the character pillars at home making students responsible for their learning and respectful of themselves and others!

Reminders: December 7th is the first day of the 2nd trimester. All students start fresh with zero late assignments. If a student has a late assignment this trimester it will be 20% off. Again, if it is turned in more than two days late the assignment will get 50% credit; however, the assignment still needs to be completed and turned in.



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