MCj04260620000[1]Sixth Grade News

Week of December 5th

**Safety Patrol for the Week of 12/5: Simms, Lanphier, Sibbersen, Strumburger**

**Teacher Help:**

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| Monday | AM or PM | AM only | PM only |
| Tuesday | AM or PM | AM or PM | Am only |
| Wednesday | AM only | AM only | Am only |
| Thursday | AM only | AM only | Am or Pm |
| Friday | AM only | AM only | Am only |
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**ABSENCES:**

As we enter the holiday season, we know that occasionally there are planned absences. Please let the teachers know as soon as possible so they are able to make arrangements with the students about assignments and tests. The tests will need to be taken prior to the planned absence so the student does not fall behind.

If your student is sick, we will fill out an absent sheet and leave it at the welcome desk at the end of the day for you to pick up with the necessary books and notebooks. If you would like the work sent home with a sibling or carpool, please let us know right away in the morning. The teachers only have plan time in the mornings and can’t guarantee that they will receive emails in time if they are sent after our plan. If you want the work sent home with a sibling or carpool, please include their name, grade, and homeroom teacher in the email so we can make sure we get it to them. Thanks for your cooperation with this!

**COMING THIS WEEK:**

**Reading**

**Period 1 Reading**

We have finished our first novel!! We will be having a short answer test on Wednesday. After we will spend some time learning how to compile research information and cite our resources. This also works with our Tool Time assignment in Science.

**Reading 2 Reading**

We are working our way towards the end of Out of the Dust. The students have learned a lot about how poems express various feelings and mood. We will be taking a couple of days this week to look at compiling research information and how to cite our resources. This also ties into Tool Time assignment for Science.

**Period 6 Reading**

We have really enjoyed reading The Great Gilly Hopkins. I think the students all see a little of themselves in each of the characters in the book. We will continue work on story mapping and continue character mapping this week. We are almost done with the book and look for a test next week. We will also take some time to work with our research for science and work a little bit on our papers as time allows.

**Science**

We have officially started Tool Time. Students will have this week and next week to work on their tool. Remember, all work is to be done in school. If your child will be out, please contact me so we can plan for them to come in early or stay late to have time on their project. All tools and presentation materials must be completed by December 15th. (I changed the date due to some shortened class periods over the next couple of weeks)

\*\*\*You also need a tri-fold board for your presentation. You can get these at any office supply store or Walmart and Target also carry them.\*\*\*

Please make sure you have a “bin” according to the rubric to keep your supplies in. We have limited space in the classroom, and in trying to keep everyone’s materials safe, as well as student safety, we need to have it as organized as possible.

**English:**

We will continue to diagram up until Christmas. This coming week we will be working on indirect objects, adjectives, and adverbs. These concepts will continue to build. Please encourage your student to come in before school for extra help if they are struggling with any lesson(s) in diagramming.

Diagramming quiz: 12/9/11

**Religion/DWP:**

As we continue through this Advent season, we will be doing a lot of reflecting on the purpose of Advent and how it can help us to be ready for Christmas. We will also take this week to review the duties of Mass servers as the 6th graders will be getting to do this soon.

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**Social Studies**

The week will begin with a review over section one and two and then we will finish up section two. Section three will cover resources and land use in the United States and Canada. The test covering chapter six will be Monday, December 12th.

**Math**

**Period 3 Math**

This week students will start section six of chapter four. They will be learning how to use formulas to solve problems as well as finding a variable. These formulas include finding the areas of trapezoids, rectangles, and triangles. By the end of the week we will be exploring square roots and rational numbers. Please remind your student to keep up on their Aleks minutes each week (60 minutes).

**Period 4 Math**

This week we will review ordering and comparing fractions then move onto working with mixed numbers. Students will be able to take an improper fraction and write it as a mixed number and vice versa. By the end of the week they will be converting decimals to fractions and fractions to decimals. Please remind your student to keep up on their Aleks minutes each week (60 minutes).

**Period 5 Math**

This week we will continue to work on graphing inequalities. By the end of the week students will be exploring how to solve and graph inequalities using addition and subtraction. Please remind your student to keep up on their Aleks minutes each week (45 minutes).