MCj04260620000[1]Sixth Grade News

Week of November 21st and 28th

(Due to the short week, we have included the necessary information for the week after Thanksgiving in this newsletter as well!)

**Safety Patrol for the Week of 11/21: Panowitz, Panzer, Pittenger, Perry**

**Safety Patrol for the Week of 11/28: Pitzel, Quiros, Rodriguez, Shumaker**

**Teacher Help:**

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| Monday | AM or PM | None | PM only |
| Tuesday | AM only | None | Am only |
| Wednesday | No School | None | None |
| Thursday | No School | None | None |
| Friday | No School | None | None |
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**UGANDA DRESS DOWN DAY –** In an effort to raise more funds for our sister school, we are offering an extra Uganda Dress Down Day on Tuesday, November 22nd. In order for your student to dress down in their Uganda t-shirt that day, they must bring at least $1 to donate to our sister school. Each child needs to bring their $1 with them and give it to their teacher in the morning. If a student chooses not to donate $1, they will need to be dressed in school uniform. Thanks so much for helping our sister school!

**Safety Patrol Reminders**

Please be mindful if it is your week to be on safety patrol. The time to be on duty is 7:40 am. You should arrive prior to this time, so that you are ready to go at 7:40. Also, if you know ahead of time that you will not be at school one day, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. You play a big part in keeping all St. Pat’s students safe during arrival at the school.

**Progress Reports:**

Please email your student’s HOMEROOM teacher to let them know that you have seen the report card

**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!

**Box Tops**

St. Pat’s collects box tops! You are welcome to send them in with your sixth grader.

**Book Orders:**

You can still order books. If you did not see the catalog, you can visit [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs) and sign-in to view this months choices. If you haven’t sign-up yet, use the class activation code (HYMV8) to get started. Book orders are due November 28th.

**COMING THIS WEEK:**

**Reading**

**Period 1 Reading**

We are in the last few chapters of A Wrinkle in Time. We will continue to work on a novel study, delving into the literary elements, including theme, plot, character traits and plot to name just a few. We will also spend some time on researching scientists and how to cite resources.

**Reading 2 Reading**

We are still reading Out of the Dust. The book is written all in free-verse and the students are enjoying this type of read. There are many emotions that happen with the story and we are taking our time to have discussions on these. Students are free to share opinions and personal stories that relate if they choose to. We will begin researching background history about the “Dust Bowl” and newspaper articles once we have completed the book in the next couple of weeks.

**Period 6 Reading**

We will continue to work on *The Great Gilly Hopkins*. We are working through some critical thinking questions and learning a lot about the characters. We will be splitting the class time the next couple of weeks to between the novel and research topics and how to cite resources.

**Science**

I moved the Chapter 5 science test to Tuesday the 22nd. I was uncomfortable giving it when I was out for 2 days last week and really want students prepared.

We have just started Tool Time and will be working on this for the next couple of weeks. This week and next week, students will have the opportunity to read about and research other inventions from the past, come up with an invention of a tool on their own and submit it to me for approval. All Guidelines went home over the weekend.

**English:**

We will be taking our Punctuation Unit test this Monday, and finishing some writing journal entries before going on Thanksgiving break. After the break we will be starting our Diagramming unit. This unit will take us all the way to the Christmas break.

Punctuation Unit Test: Monday, November 21st

**Religion/DWP:**

We will continue with our Circle of Grace work for the two days next week as well as taking the first half of the Nicene Creed recite. We will finish our Circle of Grace Unit after Thanksgiving and will be going right into Unit 3 from our textbook.

Nicene Creed recite: Tuesday, November 22nd

**Social Studies**

21st - This week students will continue looking at the physical landforms and bodies of water in both the United States and Canada. By the end of this sections students should know where the U.S. and Canada are located as well as the major landforms and bodies of water that are found in each country. The students will also be participating in the Geography Bee qualifying round this week. Two students from 6th grade will continue on to the school competition that will be held on December 15th in the Parish Center.

28th – Students will finish up section one this week. In section two we will go over the U.S. and Canada’s climate and vegetation. Within the section students will look at the natural vegetation and climate zones in both countries. They will finish up the week with an introduction to resources and land use in the U.S. and Canada.

**Math**

**Period 3 Math**

21st – Students will work on adding and subtracting fractions this week.

28th – This week students will do a review on what they have learned in past lessons. Following the review students will work on multiplying and dividing rational numbers. The test over sections 1-6 will be Friday, December 2nd.

**Period 4 Math**

21st – This week students will be introduced to comparing and ordering fractions using the least common denominator.

28th – We will begin the week by reviewing past lessons. Following the review students will learn to write a mixed number as an improper fraction as well as write an improper fraction as a mixed number. The test over sections 1-6 will be Friday, December 2nd.

**Period 5 Math**

21st – This week students will review for and take and test over chapter 2 sections 1-6.

28th – Students will be introduced to graphing and writing inequalities this week. They will be able to use the skills from the previous sections in order to complete their homework.