

Morningside Newsletter

October 2017

Middle School Team 2

Grades: 6-7

Reading- Ms. Hackshaw- Room 201	Math-Mrs. George-Room 200
<p>Sixth Grade- Collection 1- Facing Fear Scholars will read the following texts: Short Story, The Ravine by Graham Salisbury Short Story, Fine by Graham Salisbury Poem, Maya Angelou Scholars will learn the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Think Aloud● Literary Elements● Citing Evidence● Determining Central Ideas <p>Scholars will complete following writing tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Literary Essay● Narrative Writing● Summary <p>*Assessments: 10/2/2017 10/5/2017 10/9/2017 10/14/2017</p> <p>Seventh Grade- Collections 6- Guided By A Cause</p> <p>Scholars will read the three excerpts listed below about the Triangle Factory Fire. These excerpts are:</p> <p><i>Flesh and Blood So Cheap</i> by Albert Marrin</p> <p><i>The Story of the Triangle Factory Fire</i> by Zachary Kent</p> <p><i>Uprising</i> by Margaret Haddix</p> <p>Scholars will learn the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Think Aloud● Compare and Contrast Points of View● Citing Evidence● Determining Central Ideas	<p>6th Grade- Scholars have been working on LCM and GCF. We will continue to work on LCM and GCF. We will also be working with Rates, Ratios, Fractions, Decimals, and Percents. Scholars will apply these concepts to real world situations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ratios and Rates● Fractions● Decimals● Percents <p>7th Grade- Scholars have been working on LCM and GCF. We will also be working with Rates, Complex Fractions and Unit Rates, and Convert Unit Rates. Scholars will apply these concepts to real world situations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Rates● Complex Fractions● Unit Rates● Converting Unit Rates <p>Scholars will learn the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division to divide fractions by fractions● Understand ratio concepts and use ratio reasoning to solve problems. <p>Tentative Test Dates: 10/6/17 10/20/17</p>

<p>Scholars will complete following writing tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summary ● Argument ● Narrative Writing ● Research Paper <p>*Assessments: 10/2/2017 10/5/ 2017 10/9/2017 10/14/ 2017</p> <p>Daily Practice- For our scholars to be successful readers, it is important that our scholars read for 30 minutes everyday to become strong readers.</p> <p>*Assessment dates are subject to change.</p> <p>Please contact Ms. Hackshaw at carinne.hackshaw@pgcps.org if you need any additional information.</p>	<p>Daily Practice- To be successful scholars must: Enter the classroom silently, have proper uniforms, be prepared with all materials, and have a positive attitude toward learning.</p> <p>Practice Multiplication Facts daily!</p> <p>Please contact Mrs. George with any questions or concerns. monet.george@pgcps.org</p>
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Science-Mr. Hawkins-Room 204

6th & 7th Grade
NGSS Standards:
Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence from rock strata for how the geologic time scale is used to organize Earth's 4.6-billion-year-old history.(MS-ESS1-4)

(Foundational)
Develop a model to describe the cycling of Earth's materials and the flow of energy that drives this process. **(MS-ESS2-1)**

Construct an explanation based on evidence for how geoscience processes have changed Earth's surface at varying time and spatial scales. **(MS-ESS2-2)**

Science Resources:
fossweb.com (student login and password is imagine followed by their section number. For example for section 73 their login and password would be imagine73).

Investigations:
Grand Canyon Exploration
Weathering and Erosion

Assessment Dates:

First Quiz will be on Thursday October 12th, 2017 on rocks, the Grand Canyon, and Major Powell. All assessments will be communicated through ClassDojo a week prior to the exam.

Important Updates:

All students must have a one subject science journal for science class. This is how scholars keep track of their work, grades, and can also be used as a resource for practice and studying for tests.

Make sure you get a pair of goggles for your scholars to participate in our Lab Activities.

For questions or concerns feel free to contact me at:

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More updates found on the back!**Character Updates:**

Self Control for the month of October.

Important News:

Middle School Block Meetings will be held every Monday morning at 8:15am.

Upcoming Activities: This month is Anti-bullying month. Scholars will be visited by the guidance counselor to go over awareness and strategies to deal with bullying.

Fall picture day is Tuesday October 10th.

Picture envelopes will be sent home with the take home Tuesday Folder.