

Morningside Newsletter

January 2018

Middle School Team 2

Grades: 6-7

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| Reading- Ms. Hackshaw- Room 201 | Math-Mrs. George-Room 200 |
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Sixth Grade- Collection 2- Making Your Voice Heard

Scholars will read the following texts:

Short Story, *My Wonder Horse* by Sabine R. Ulibari
Short Story, *Eleven* by Sandra Cisneros
Poem, *A Voice* by Pat Mora
Poem, *Words Like Freedom* by Langston Hughes

Scholars will learn the following skills:

- Determining Theme
- Trace and Evaluate an Argument
- Compare and Contrast Arguments
- Analyze Word Choice
- Determining Central Ideas

Scholars will complete following writing tasks:

- Argumentative Writing
- Literary Essay

● ***Assessments:**

1/8/ 2018
1/15/2018
1/20/2018

Seventh Grade- Collections 4 - Bold Actions

Scholars will read the the following Anchor Texts:

Speech, by *John F. Kennedy*, “*Remarks at the Dedication of the Aerospace Medical Center*”

Play, *A Christmas Carol*

Short Story, *Thank You, Mam*

Scholars will learn the following skills:

- Analyzing Argument
- Determine Author’s Purpose
- Analyze Structure
- Cite Evidence

Scholars will complete following writing tasks:

- Literary Essay
- Argumentative Essay

***Assessments:** 1/ 8/ 2018
1/15/2018
1/20/ 2018

Daily Practice- For our scholars to be successful readers, it is important that our scholars read for 30 minutes everyday to become strong readers.

***Assessment dates are subject to change.**

Please contact Ms. Hackshaw at carinne.hackshaw@pgcps.org if you need any

6th Grade-

Scholars will be working on Evaluating Expressions. Evaluate expressions using order of operations. Write verbal phrases as simple algebraic expressions. Scholars will apply these concepts to real world situations.

6th Grade Standards

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.6.EE.A.1

Write and evaluate numerical expressions involving whole-number exponents

***Assessments:**

**Every other Friday.
Take- over Tuesday.**

7th Grade-

Scholars are using The Number System to solve real world situations. They will add, subtract, multiply, and divide integers.

Scholars will learn the following skills:

- Add integers
- Subtract integers
- Multiply integers
- Divide integers

7th Grade Standards:

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.7.NS.A.1

Apply and extend previous understandings of addition and subtraction to add and subtract rational numbers; represent addition and subtraction on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram.

CSS.MATH.CONTENT.7.NS.A.1.C

Understand subtraction of rational numbers as adding the additive inverse, $p - q = p + (-q)$. Show that the distance between two rational numbers on the number line is the absolute value of their difference, and apply this principle in real-world contexts.

CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.7.NS.A.1.D

Apply properties of operations as strategies to add and subtract rational numbers.

Tentative Test Dates:1/12/18

1/19/18

1/26/18

additional information.

Social Studies

Mr. Smith info for the month.

6th grade will be focusing on the Cultural Systems of North America, pertaining to the changes, continuity, and context perspectives. Also they will be using Historical Sources and Evidence Constitution and arguments to prove these historical events.

7th grade will be focusing on Religion, Culture, Beliefs, and conflicts. They will be able to understand and analyze that culture is a way of life for people with shared customs and beliefs. They will also focus and understand that tolerance and understanding could lead to increased cooperation and true peace amongst nations.

Please contact Mr. Smith at simeon.smith@pgcps.org if you need any additional information

Daily Practice-

To be successful scholars must:

Enter the classroom silently, have proper uniforms, be prepared with math book, notebook or journal, chromebook, calculator, at least 3 sharpened pencils, and have a positive attitude toward learning.

Practice Multiplication Facts daily!

Please contact Mrs. George with any questions or concerns.

monet.george@pgcps.org

Counselor's Corner

High School Application Process

IB Program applications are now available in Mrs. McClellon's Office. Deadline is February 1st. The IB offers four highly respected programs of international education that develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills needed to live, learn, work and succeed in a rapidly globalizing world.

Performing Arts application are due by February 1st. Applications are online. Please see Mrs. McClellon for more information.

Essay Writing Contests

Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest

Prizes include Kindle Fire tablets, gift cards and more!

Open to Middle School students in 6th through 8th grade

See Mrs McClellon for packets if interested.

Science-Mr. Hawkins Room 204

6th Grade Standards

MS-PS2-5. Conduct an investigation and evaluate the experimental design to provide evidence that fields exist between objects exerting forces on each other even though the objects are not in contact.

MS-PS2-3 Ask questions about data to determine the factors that affect the strength of electric and magnetic forces.

7th Grade Standards

MS-LS1-3. Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.

MS-LS1-8. Gather and synthesize information that sensory receptors respond to stimuli by sending messages to the brain for immediate behavior or storage as memories.

Science Resources:

Thinkcerca, ConnectED, DiscoveryEducation, Nearpod, Google Classroom

Code for section 71-9gbnz7

Code for section 73-5adi7x

Code for section 64-ju58ld

Code for section 62-qy17xoj

All classwork and homework is posted on the Google Classroom. Your scholar needs to have their PGCPs email to access the classroom. Any questions or concerns contact me during planning period from 10:05am-11:05am daily at (301) 817-0544.

STEM Fair!

Dear Parents,

The science department would like to inform you about the upcoming 2017-18 Imagine Foundations at Morningside STEM Fair. All middle school scholars are required to complete a STEM Fair investigation. STEM Fair Journals were sent home on December 21, 2017. These journals include all the parts, dates, and requirements for the STEM Fair investigation. The components of the project will be graded as classwork, homework, or assessments as stated in the STEM Fair Journal. The due dates for each section of the investigation are as follows:

Classwork-

1. Question- Due 1/2/18
2. Hypothesis- Due 1/2/18
3. Variables- Due 1/2/18

Homework-

1. Materials- Due 1/5/18
2. Procedure- Due 1/5/18
3. Data Collection Tool- Due 1/9/18
4. Results, Actual Investigation- Due 1/9/18
5. Results, Graphs, Date- Due 1/12/18
6. Results, Written Explanation- Due 1/12/18
7. Conclusion- Due 1/12/18

Assessments/Final Grade- ALL DUE 1/16/18

1. Research Paper
2. Abstract
3. Display Board

Please check your scholar's STEM Fair Journal for more information on the STEM Fair investigation. Updates will also be posted on Classdojo and included in the take home Tuesday newsletter.

Assessment Dates:

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.
- Check classdojo weekly for updates on what we are reviewing in class.
- Scholars also are required to bring a chromebook with them to class everyday.
- STEM Fair is approaching fast. It is time to start thinking about a testable question to pick for your scholar's project.

For questions or concerns feel free to contact me at:
neil.hawkins@pgcps.org

Character Updates:

Responsibility for the month of January.

Important News & Dates:

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

Quarter 2 ends January 25, 2018

Quarter 2 report card go home: February 8th, 2018