

6th Grade Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

January 9th & 10th: 'Music of Mexico' in Music class

January 12th: CYC presentation

January 13th: Mission Jeans Day (DMARC)

January 16th: No School (Professional Development)

January 17th: Honor Band



“In fact, it is the struggle that causes you to develop your ability to fly!”

January 6, 2012

Religion:

- We discussed the season of Christmas when we returned from Christmas break.
- We have started Unit 4 this week in class over the Judges & Kings of Israel.
- There will be a quiz over vocabulary & people tentatively set for Tuesday, January 17th and a test tentatively set for Friday, January 20th.

Social Studies:

- We are finishing up Unit 4 (chapter 2 in our 2nd textbook) over Ancient Mesopotamia.
- We will have a quiz next Tuesday, January 10th and a test next Friday, January 13th.
- We will then be moving onto our next unit over Ancient Egypt (chapter 3 in our 2nd textbook).

Math:

- 15 point quiz on Monday, January 9th, over factors, prime factorization, exponents, and divisibility rules.
- We will apply these concepts to problem solving situations next week.
- Equivalent fractions and the ordering of fractions will follow.
- All students should be nearing the end of basic fact practice.

Science:

- Students continue to learn about the interior of the earth and plate tectonics.
- The students will do a computer simulation next week, Jan. 9-11, to discover how the plate boundaries have formed the land features around the world. These activities are linked on the website.
- The chapter test is scheduled for Friday, January 13th, (The kids didn't know if Friday the 13th was a good idea, but they will do great! ☺) There may be a short quiz sometime next week, if time allows, to encourage the kids to be studying their notes.

Language Arts:

- We have just started our next grammar unit over Verbs. Our first quiz over this unit is tentatively scheduled for next Thursday, January 12.
- The students are in the middle of their next story. We have been editing word choice in class, and will continue editing for conventions for three days next week. Their second draft is due Monday, January 9, and their final draft is due Thursday, January 12.

Reading:

- The students need to continue to read 30 minutes every day. According to our minute tracker, the students should have already read 1170 minutes this trimester. The last day to turn in their book marks is Thursday, February 16.