

5TH and 6th Grade Newsletter

November, 2014

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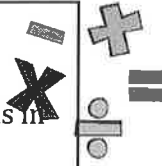
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Math:

Fifth grade scholars have begun learning the math skills in Unit 2! Unit 2 is "Number and Operations in Base Ten." Students will learn how to recognize the value of a digit based on its place value, how to use exponents to represent numbers, and how to write and compare decimals. Students will have their first Unit 2 quiz on Wednesday November 5th. Students must prepare for the quiz by studying their class notes and reviewing homework problems on place value. They should check Edmodo to review previous homework assignments, and they may post questions on Edmodo. The current Edmodo code for Hartt is 638jnt, and the current Edmodo code for Tuskegee is zxfkm2. Please log on to Edmodo with your child to confirm that they are registered with their Edmodo class for math.

This week, sixth grade scholars are preparing for their Unit 1 Test. In Unit 1, they have learned and practiced several math skills, including dividing multi-digit numbers, dividing fractions, and multiplying and dividing decimals. Students have made connections to their math background knowledge, particularly with finding the Greatest Common Factor (GCF) and the Least Common Denominator (LCM). Students must review their class notes and test themselves with practice problems from class and from homework. Students can check Edmodo for previous homework assignments to review for the test. If your child did not yet add into the Edmodo class, please speak to your child about adding into the Edmodo class for math. The current Edmodo code for Columbia is xzpq4t, and the current Edmodo code for Howard is 6n5xym.



Social Studies:

In Social Studies we will be preparing for the Geography Bee. 5th Grade scholars will be focusing on U.S. Geography while 6th grade scholars will be focusing on World Geography. The scholars will be learning about different continents, U.S. states, landforms, maps, and landforms. In addition, scholars will be learning about the Five Themes of geography and applying the information to the different continents and states that they are studying.



Science:

November marks the start of a new unit for the 5th graders. The 5th graders wrapped up the unit on sound with a performance task that allowed them to create their own instruments. It was great to see the pride in students' faces as they displayed their instruments. The 5th graders are now moving on to examining the properties of light. The 6th grade students are continuing their investigations into the properties of matter. The 6th graders have been studying the structure of atom and are now moving into chemical and physical changes and reactions.



Language Arts:

Scholars are using what they have learned about text structures and applying this information to the books they are currently reading. Fifth grades theme is, Clues to a Culture and sixth grades theme is Courageous Characters. Scholars will be composing an informative paper focusing on the Holocaust for grade 5 and Africa for grade 6. Scholars have also branched into center based learning in which the activities created have a direct link to the standards being taught.

