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Sixth Grade News from Mrs. Savage



Dear Parents:

I don't know about you, but I'm loving this refreshing weather! The students are still settling into the routines and expectations that 6th grade is bringing. We're getting there... Here's what's happening in our classes:

ELA - We started off the year writing about our favorite characters from our summer reading science fiction novel Gregor the Overlander. The students were assessed on their knowledge of the novel, and we then moved into identifying the "theme" in short stories. Gregor the Overlander assessments were sent home this week for parents' signatures.

As we move forward... We will be sharpening our close reading skills, constructing paragraphs and will be learning how to properly paraphrase and summarize fiction and nonfiction text. Please take note that all students should be reading 45 minutes each evening. I've provided the children with a full list of various reading responses, which you will find glued into their Writing/Reading Journals. Assignment frequency will vary. The students engaged in a fun "exchange" activity with these journals. They had the opportunity to read a classmate's response and positively comment about what they read. The kids were really excited to read their classmates' reaction to their writing. Something else the children have been made aware of regarding homework and writing assignments...Any time an assignment is returned, I circle misspellings. It is the students' responsibility to review their assignment and to correct these errors so that they strengthen their spelling skills. I suggest rewriting the word multiple times.

Social Studies - We have concluded our study of map skills, which was composed of different types of maps, various parts of a map, longitude/latitude, and proper use of a map scale. The students were tested on these skills, and it was returned for your review this week. Exciting things to come in SS...We will begin our study of Prehistory followed by Early Man.

Religion - The students shared in a discussion about Tolerance, Respect and Acceptance Moving forward we will begin our study of the Old Testament.

Reminder: When students are absent, it is their responsibility to hand in any work that was due prior to their absence. It is also their responsibility to hand in work that was missed once they return to school and receive the missed assignments. Missed assignments will not be hunted down, and will be logged in as a zero unless they are handed in in a timely fashion.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me gsavage@dwcaonline.org. Thank you for your support. Wishing you a great day!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Savage