

December Newsletter

South View Upper Elementary



PRINCIPAL



HAPPY DECEMBER SVUE FAMILIES!

CAN YOU BELIEVE THERE ARE ONLY 15 DAYS OF SCHOOL IN DECEMBER? LET'S SEE HOW MANY STUDENTS CAN HAVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS MONTH! REMEMBER UNLESS YOUR STUDENT IS VOMITING, HAS DIARRHEA, OR HAS A FEVER THEY SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL. MAKE SURE TO CALL ATTENDANCE AT (217) 444-1805 IF YOUR STUDENT IS SICK.

THERE ARE TWO ACTIVITIES YOUR STUDENT(S) CAN DO AT HOME TO HELP STRENGTHEN THEIR ACADEMICS HERE AT SCHOOL. HAVE THEM READ EACH NIGHT FOR A MINIMUM OF 20 MINUTES. OVER A YEAR'S TIME THAT COMES OUT TO BE MORE THAN 121 HOURS. JUST LIKE ANYTHING, THE MORE YOU PRACTICE THE BETTER YOU GET. THE BETTER READER YOU ARE, THE BETTER WRITER YOU ARE. THE OTHER ACTIVITY IS LEARNING THEIR BASIC FACTS. THIS INCLUDES ADDITION, SUBTRACTION, MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION. I HAVE ATTACHED SOME SIMPLE GAMES YOU CAN PLAY WITH CARDS OR DICE.

STAY WARM AND SAFE!

MRS. FLUNO

ELA

5TH GRADE

SOCIAL STUDIES

ELA – STUDENTS WILL BE CONTINUING TO READ ABOUT EARLY AMERICAN CIVILIZATIONS INCLUDING THE MAYA, AZTEC, AND INCAN PEOPLE. STUDENTS WILL BE WORKING ON THE SKILLS OF: FINDING TEXT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT READING RESPONSE QUESTIONS, WRITING WITH COMPLETE SENTENCES, FIXING RUN-ON SENTENCES, WORKING WITH PREFIXES IL- INTER- AND IR-, USING CONTEXT CLUES TO HELP DETERMINE THE MEANING OF UNKNOWN WORDS, AND WILL BE PRACTICING HAVING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT READING. AFTER READING, STUDENTS WILL BE DRAFTING AND EDITING INFORMATIVE WRITING PIECES ABOUT THE EARLY AMERICAN CIVILIZATIONS. INFORMATIVE WRITING FOCUSES ON THE TRAIT OF ORGANIZATION IN WRITING.

SOCIAL STUDIES – STUDENTS WILL BE STUDYING THE MOTIVATIONAL FACTORS FOR EARLY EXPLORATION AND COLONIZATION IN THE 1400'S AND 1500'S. STUDENTS WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT EARLY EXPLORERS THAT TRAVELED FROM EUROPE TO THE AMERICAS. STUDENTS WILL BE DISCUSSING HOW DIVERSE CULTURES AFFECT EACH OTHER AS THEY CROSS PATHS AND INTERACT.



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A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE....

WHEN TO STAY HOME: FEVER 100° OR HIGHER, VOMITING OR DIARRHEA IN THE LAST 24 HOURS, LICE, HAVING A KNOWN INFECTIOUS ILLNESS OR RASH, EYE DRAINAGE THAT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED PROPERLY, HAVING AN ER VISIT WITHIN THE PAST 24 HOURS. COLD/FLU SEASON IS AMONG US. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHEN TO KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL NURSE AT THE NUMBER BELOW. FEMALE STUDENTS: PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF PANTS AND THE NEEDED FEMININE PRODUCTS STORED IN YOUR LOCKER FOR AN UNEXPECTED START OF YOUR MENSTRUAL CYCLE. PLEASE KNOW OUR SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CLINIC, SIHF, IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR OUR D118 STUDENTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT THEM AT 217-920-0168. FUN FACT: DID YOU KNOW YOU ARE TALLER IN THE MORNING?! APPARENTLY, THROUGHOUT THE DAY OUT CARTILAGE COMPRESSES AS GRAVITY TAKES HOLD. FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ON THIS NOTE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE AT 217-444-1870 THANK YOU, MRS. PASCUAL, RN.



AVID

AGENDA BOOKS: YOUR CHILD RECEIVED AN AGENDA BOOK DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL. WE ASK THAT YOU SIGN THEIR AGENDA AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE TEACHER DAILY. EVERY MONDAY, WE HAVE AVID TUTORS COME TO THE SCHOOL AND CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BINDER INCLUDING THE AGENDA. YOUR CHILD RECEIVES A SPECIAL TREAT IF THEY HAVE A PARENT'S SIGNATURE.

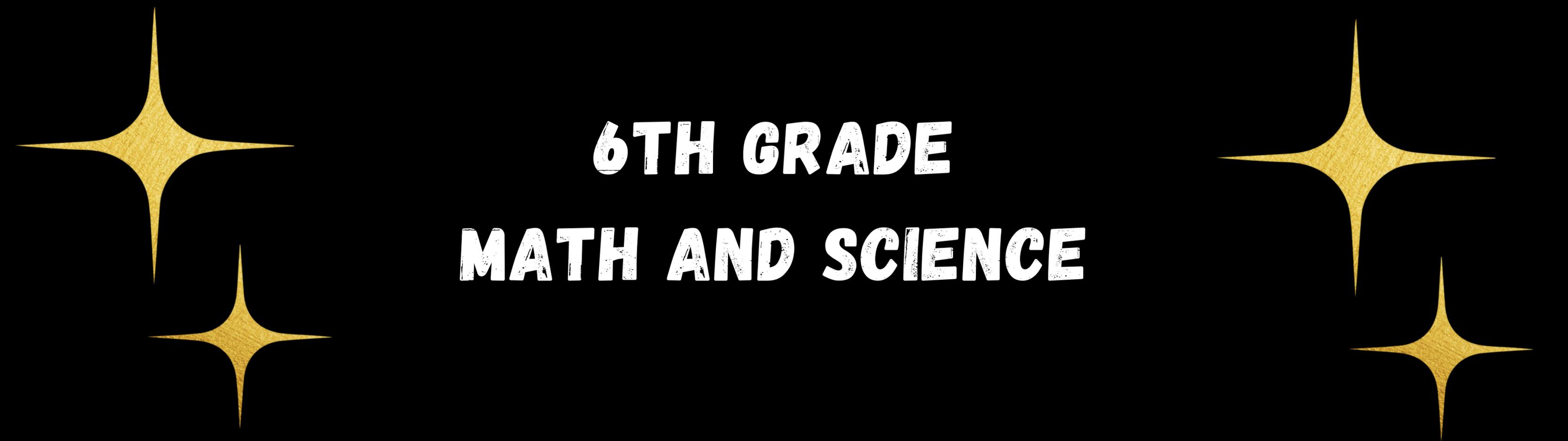
5TH GRADE

MATH & SCIENCE

MATH: STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE LEARNING TO MULTIPLY MULTI-DIGIT WHOLE NUMBERS AND DECIMALS AND THEN WILL MOVE ON TO DIVISION. WE WILL DIVIDE UP TO THREE- AND FOUR-DIGIT DIVIDENDS WITH THREE-DIGIT DIVISORS. PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS CONTINUE TO WORK ON THEIR MULTIPLICATION FACTS.

SCIENCE: WE WILL BEGIN A NEW UNIT TITLED "MODELING MATTER: THE CHEMISTRY OF FOOD." STUDENTS WILL BEGIN TO ANSWER THE QUESTION "WHY DID THE FOOD COLORING SEPARATE INTO DIFFERENT DYES?" STUDENTS WILL USE PHOTOS AND PRIOR KNOWLEDGE TO SHARE IDEAS ABOUT WHAT FOOD SCIENTISTS DO.





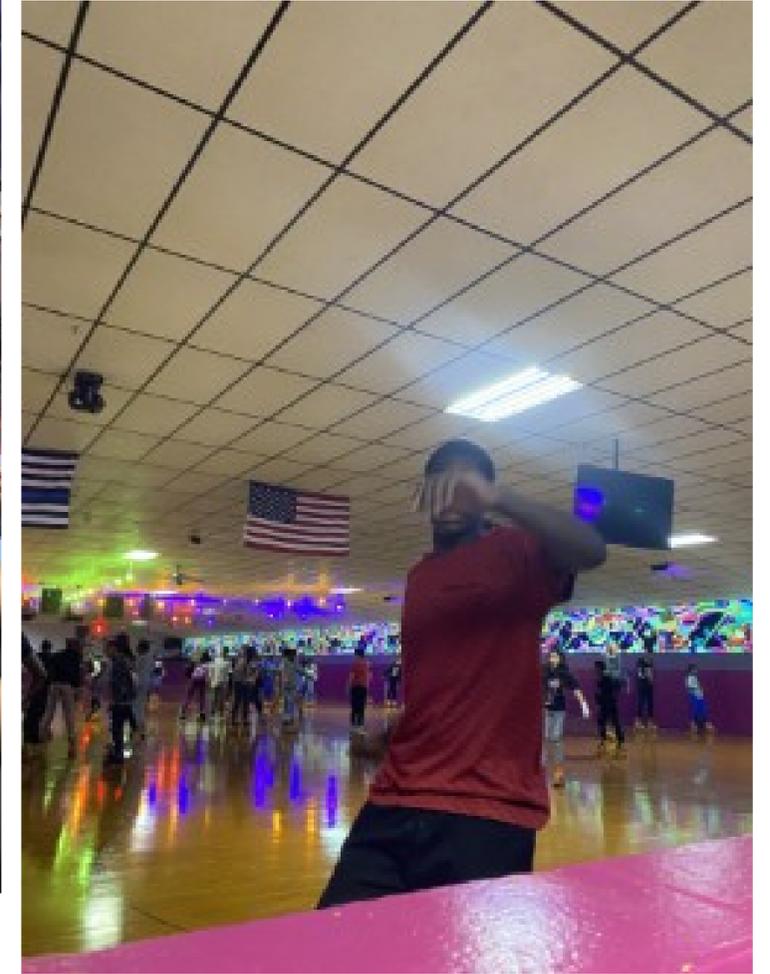
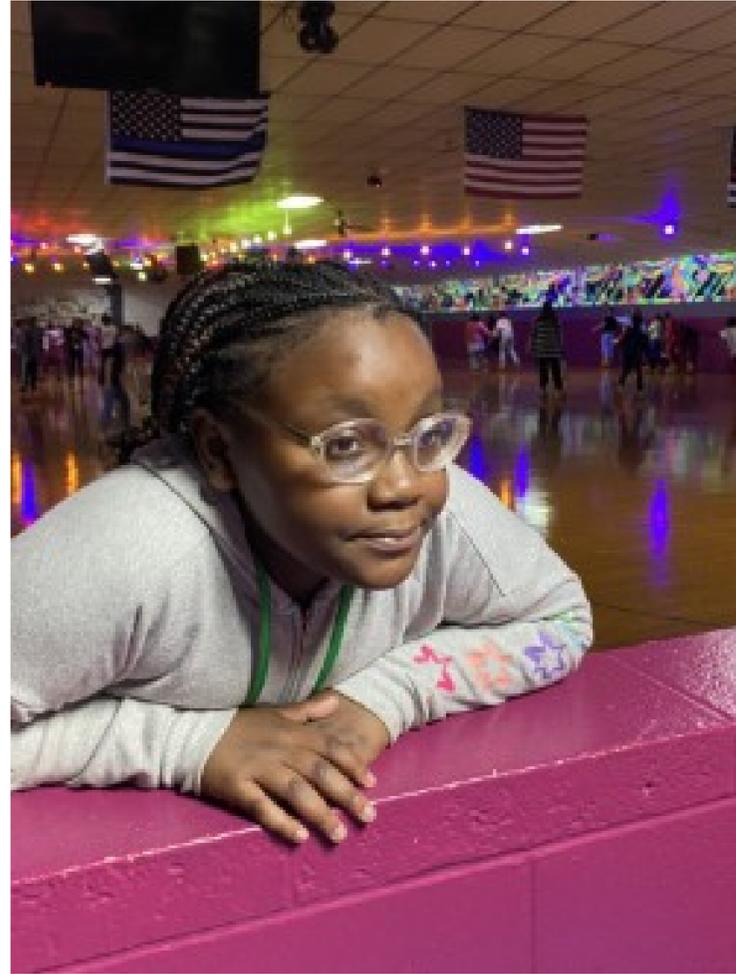
6TH GRADE MATH AND SCIENCE

MATH – IS LEARNING ABOUT DIVIDING FRACTIONS AND DECIMALS WE ARE USING CORNELL NOTES TO HELP US STAY ORGANIZED WITH OUR NOTES AND WORKING IN GROUPS TO PRACTICE OUR WORK.

SCIENCE – WE ARE STUDYING CHEMISTRY AND HOW SMELLS TRAVEL AROUND A ROOM, OR SPACE. WE ARE ALSO LEARNING ABOUT VOLUME AND HOW IT RELATES TO CHEMISTRY.

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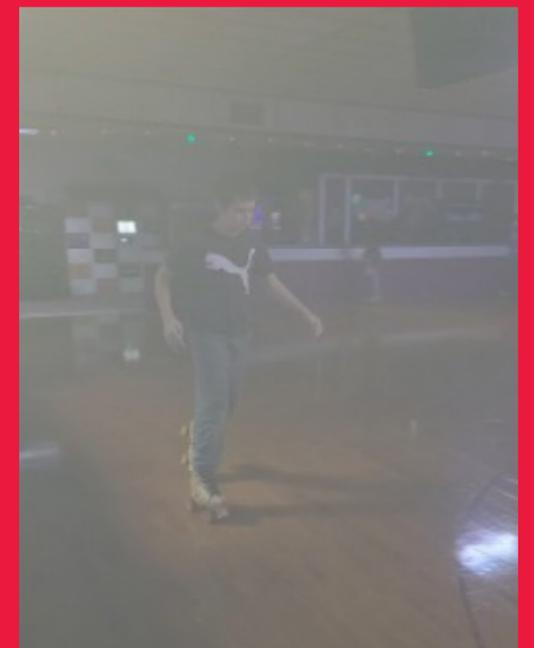


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GRADE



MATH GAME

DO IT FIRST!

PLAYERS: 2 OR MORE

OBJECT: TO GET THE LARGEST PRODUCT WHEN MULTIPLYING.

HOW TO PLAY: EACH PLAYER NEEDS A PAIR OF DICE. EVERYONE ROLLS THEIR DICE AT THE SAME TIME. EACH PLAYER MULTIPLIES THE TWO NUMBERS TOGETHER. THE ONE WITH THE GREATER PRODUCT WINS THAT ROUND AND GETS A TALLY MARK. THE FIRST PLAYER TO GET 10 TALLY MARKS WINS.

SUBTRACTION PRACTICE

PLAYERS: 1 OR MORE, OR TEAMS OF 2

OBJECT: TO PRACTICE SUBTRACTING LARGE NUMBERS.

HOW TO PLAY: EACH PLAYER OR TEAM HAS A SET OF 3 OR 4 DIFFERENT COLORED DICE. PLAYERS WILL DECIDE WHAT COLOR WILL BE THE THOUSANDS PLACE, THE HUNDREDS PLACE, THE TENS PLACE AND THE ONES PLACE. ROLL THE DICE AND MAKE A 3 OR 4 DIGIT NUMBER AND WRITE IT DOWN. ROLL AGAIN AND MAKE ANOTHER 3 OR 4 DIGIT NUMBER. DECIDE WHICH NUMBER GOES ON TOP. PLAYERS WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. USE A CALCULATOR TO CHECK THE ANSWER.

VARIATION: PLAYERS CAN DO THE SAME WITH ADDITION PRACTICE. THIS CAN BE DONE WITH CARDS AS WELL. USE ONLY NUMBERS 1-9, REMOVE ALL OTHER CARDS. SHUFFLE. LAY DOWN 3-4 CARDS. UNDERNEATH LAY DOWN ANOTHER 3-4 CARDS. DETERMINE WHICH NUMBER SHOULD GO ON TOP IF SUBTRACTING, THEN WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

MULTIPLICATION WAR

PLAYERS: 2 OR MORE

OBJECT: TO BE THE PLAYER WITH THE HIGHEST PRODUCT, AND THE MOST TALLY MARKS

HOW TO PLAY: EACH PLAYER HAS 2 DICE. PLAYERS ROLL AT THE SAME TIME AND MULTIPLY THEIR NUMBERS. THE PLAYER WITH THE HIGHEST PRODUCT WINS THAT ROUND. THE ONE WITH THE MOST TALLY MARKS AFTER 20 ROUNDS WINS.

SUBTRACTION WAR

PLAYERS: 2-4 PLAYERS

OBJECT: TO WIN ALL THE CARDS IN THE DECK

HOW TO PLAY: SHUFFLE THE DECK AND DEAL AN EQUAL NUMBER OF CARDS TO EACH PLAYER UNTIL THE DECK RUNS OUT. EACH PLAYER KEEPS HIS CARDS IN A STACK, FACE DOWN. FACE CARDS = 10 AND ACES = 1. AT THE SAME TIME, EACH PLAYER TURNS 2 CARDS FACE UP AND MAKES A SUBTRACTION NUMBER SENTENCE AND GIVES THE ANSWER. THE ONE WITH THE LARGEST ANSWER TAKES ALL THE CARDS AND PUTS THEM FACEDOWN AT THE BOTTOM

OF HIS PILE. IF 2 PLAYERS HAVE THE SAME ANSWER THEN IT'S WAR. EACH PLAYER PUTS 4 CARDS OUT IN FRONT OF THEM, FACE DOWN. THEN FLIP OVER 2 AND THIS TIME ADD THE NUMBERS. THE ONE WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER WINS. IF THEIR ANSWERS MATCH AGAIN, THEY FLIP OVER THE NEXT CARD, UNTIL ONE OF THEM GETS A HIGHER NUMBER AND WINS ALL THE CARDS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/5 – BOYS BBALL GAME (HOME) VS. OAKWOOD @ 4:30PM

12/6 – BOYS BBALL PRACTICE 4/5:30PM

**12/9 – COMPUTER CLUB 3:45–4:50PM & BOYS BBALL GAME @ URBANA – BUS LEAVES @ 4:30PM &
ARCHERY 4:30–6PM**

12/10 – BOYS BBALL GAME (HOME) VS. NORTH EAST @ 4:30PM

**12/11 – COMPUTER CLUB 3:45–4:50PM & BOYS BBALL GAME (HOME) VS. RANTOUL @ 4:30PM & ARCHERY
4:30–6PM**

12/12 – COMPUTER CLUB 3:45–4:50PM

12/13 – BOYS BBALL PRACTICE 4–5:30PM

**12/16 – COMPUTER CLUB 3:45–4:50PM & BOYS BBALL GAME (HOME) VS. WESTVILLE @ 4:30PM & ARCHERY
4:30–6PM & 6TH GRADE CHORUS FIELDTRIP 9:30–3PM**

12/17 – BOYS BBALL GAME @ CATLIN – BUS LEAVES @ 4:45PM

12/18 – EARLY OUT – 2:45PM DISMISSAL

12/19 – COMPUTER CLUB 3:45–4:50PM

12/20 – EARLY OUT – 2:45PM

12/23–1/3 – WINTER BREAK