

Mrs. G's Corner

I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving coming up next week. I'm thankful to have such great support from you. I hope you will have great holiday.

Next week will be a fairly quiet week being that it is short. I will be finishing up *Wonder* which is truly a wonder because I'm racing the movie clock. We should end our reading by Monday next week. We will still do comprehension work with it. When we get back from break, I will have a Mission Monday. The students will pick a theme and have to give 2 very well explained scenes from the novel, in which that theme appears. A theme isn't the main idea rather the "Big Idea". I will go over themes with them on that Monday and we will reflect what we've read in the past that some may apply. This is one of the big 5th grade requirements and theme will not go away with just this novel. Again, it will be the week we get back.

Thanks again for all your support. Any questions or concerns, email me.

Mrs. G.

Mrs. Spera's Math 411

Math 5 has completed Chp. 3, division with 1-digit divisors. When we return to school we will be moving on to multi-digit divisors.

Math 6 has completed Chp. 3, which focused on operations with decimals. When we return we will be looking at operations with fractions.

Math 7 has moved into the world of Integers (positive and negative whole numbers). We have started to add and subtract with them, and when we return we will move onto multiplication and division.

Math 8 has been working with functions. What makes a function, how test a function, and how to write in function notation.

Over Thanksgiving, each class will have homework that will be due the Monday we return.

I hope everyone enjoys their holiday!

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Middle School Blurb



Ms. Hill's ELA Oasis

6th Grade- After rocking their homophones quiz on Monday, 6th grade is finally cracking open their vocab books. We'll begin by learning the definitions of our vocab words based on context clues, then progress to incorporating the words in fun activities (read: Mad Libs & Pictionary!!!).

7th Grade- 7th grade continues to chip away at our Divergent novels. This week we're focusing on supporting characters and learning how smaller details contribute to the larger picture.

8th Grade- 8th grade's first novel is officially in the...books. We've finished *The Giver*, so this week will be dedicated to review of the novel. We will be discussing 8th grade's upcoming Giver-themed project, as well as watching the not-so-highly-acclaimed (but still school appropriate) Giver movie.

Miss Viola's Excursions



Religion 7/8: Our students have focused their attention on the following:
A: comparing the three Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John
B: Grades 6-8 will be teaching our PreK and Kdg about what they are thankful for.

Religion Grade 6: We have just finished Unit 1 "We Answer God's Call" about God's promises to Abraham (*God invites us to respond to Him with total trust*), Jacob (*In response to God's faithfulness, we must be committed to our faith*), and Joseph, The Loyal Son (*We must love God above all else and remain focused on His will*).



Grade 5 Social Studies: Our 5th Grade will begin their first research project "Early North American Explorers". They will present their research in class (not sure of date yet), and then to the school as a Wax Museum display.

Grade 6 Social Studies: We are studying Ancient India at the moment and learning about their caste system, reincarnation, and Buddhism. The 6th Grade's first research project will be about Ancient Egypt.

Grade 7 Social Studies: Ms. Viola (the queen) has been taxing her colonists as we begin our study of what led to the American Revolution. This "taxing" will continue until we conclude our study.

Grade 8 Social Studies: The 8th grade has completed their study of building cities. We learned that in the early 1900s, cities began to build up and not out, transportation and the building of massive bridges began to take shape. Social Classes became more noticeable. We are now moving into the Progressive and Jazz Era.

Mr. Barkamian's Science Theory

I'd like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving! It seems like the school year just started a few weeks ago. Time flies when you're having fun. Here's what we will be doing when we return...

Grade 5: We will finish our unit on Matter, and will have a test at the end of the week or beginning of the following week.

Grade 6: We will finish our chapter on Erosion and will have a test at the end of the week or the beginning of the following week.

Grade 7: We will begin cell division.

Grade 8: We will finish States of Matter and have a test at the end of the week or the beginning of the following week.

Living Environment: We will continue with our Ecology unit. We will perform our Owl Pellets lab at the beginning of the week.