

Team 6-1 Spring Newsletter

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It's Scrabble Friday in L.A. class!

Students will hone their spelling, vocabulary and language skills by competing in scrabble tournaments. Working in pairs, students will compete with another team of two and have fun with words and spelling. They will learn about some unique and unusual words. For example:

“SOJA. XYST. What about AA? Yes, they are all acceptable words in the SCRABBLE® game and found in the *Official Scrabble Dictionary 4th edition.*”

Social Studies

Students ended the Ancient Greece unit after February vacation by completing a review, and a travel brochure on this ancient culture.

We began our study of Ancient Rome the first week of March. Students have watched an introductory movie, created maps of the region, and have started reading about the geography/economy of Italy.

As the year progresses, please encourage your student to continue studying the fifty states and capitals.

Language Arts

During third quarter students are reading a group trade book in class with me. They have completed comprehension questions and vocabulary review papers. Students have also completed two book reports on a self selected book.

Soon the students will be assigned another research project which will involve interviewing someone, using the internet, reference books, nonfiction books, and competing another bibliography. I will expect a written final project and a presentation to the class on the topic chosen.

Classes will continue practicing basic grammar rules, word study skills and vocabulary development.

I ask that students continue reading, at least, 20 minutes in a chapter book each evening.

Science

The young scientists of 6-1 will be finishing their cosmic journey of the Universe this month. We are currently investigating topics regarding space exploration. Students will be researching space probe missions, creating missions of their own and doing some activities that simulate how astronauts function in space. Your scientists will be using their imagination and learning about how people live and work in space.

The next unit of study will bring us back down to Earth as we look at our very own beautiful blue planet. We will examine how the Earth formed, how internal processes helped to shape the earth and what forces continue to change the Earth's surface. Stay tuned....



Math

Your students are presently working in Module 4 of the MATHTHEMATICS text book. We most recently have studied Probability and will be moving on to the concepts of Factors and Divisibility, Fraction and Decimal Multiplication, Equations, Graphs, Multiples, and Mixed numbers.

We are covering a lot of ground this year in 6th Grade Math, and this time of year we really turn it on. It will be important for all students to give an honest effort to keep up with the pace.

As always, We appreciate your support, and don't hesitate to call or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns.