

Language Arts

Writing, writing, and more writing is the name of the game for November! We will start each Language Arts class with a journal write to encourage free writing and specific lessons will be taught on creating compound and complex sentences, exploring more challenging adjective and verb choices while creating sentences, all while using correct grammar. Comma usage lessons will tie in nicely with all of the above! We will look forward to creating paragraphs starting with a solid topic sentence, followed by supporting detail sentences and wrapping it all up with a strong concluding sentence. We will be sure to create wonderful stories and essays with all of the knowledge we will be learning. We will continue to alternate weeks with vocabulary and spelling lessons.

Math

This month we will begin our work with fractions and will spend November and December adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. Please remember that I am after school to help your student on Thursday afternoons. Sometimes a little one-on-one instruction can solve a lot of problems!

Reading

We have just wrapped up reading Tuck Everlasting and will finish by discussing the book with a few related activities. I hope to watch the movie, Tuck Everlasting, so we can complete a writing assignment comparing and contrasting the movie with the book. We will then move into tying in literature elements such as plot, theme, setting, characterization, etc...to the book before we start our next class novel.

St. Nick Helpers

All sixth graders are invited to help decorate the school and help St. Nick with his Christmas activities on the evening of Monday, December 5th. We will work them, feed them, and give them back to you by 6:30. They may bring a change of clothing with them to school and change for our work after school. We understand that this is a busy time for all, and some may have previous commitments. Just let us know if your child cannot come so we can judge the amount of food needed to fill the sometimes "bottomless pits" of sixth graders.



What a blast at Skateland!
Thanks, Mrs. Cole!





Sixth Grade Salutations!!!

November 2011



The virtue for the month of November is
Gratitude

Religion

Our Religion class will travel down two paths during the next month. One - we will look at the lives of several Saints and see what wonderful role models they can be. Two - we will continue our journey in the book of Genesis and reacquaint ourselves with Noah and his family. Towards the end of the month we will study Advent and do a special activity with our prayer partners.

Social Studies

For the past month we have been studying The River Nile and Egypt. In art class the students made Mummies and did an excellent job. For the next month we will continue to study Egypt learning about life in Egypt and more specifically about hieroglyphics, pyramids, more about mummies, pharaohs and gods/goddesses of ancient Egypt.

Science -- Out of this world

This month we are learning why Earth is the only planet with four seasons and why the other planets do not. After Thanksgiving, we will look at space's "nursery" and trace the life cycle of stars. Next week we will be visiting Columbia's own Challenger Center to experience hands-on science and technology. Permission slips will be going home in the next few weeks. Wish us luck as we try to hook up with a comet for a successful space mission.

DI Corner

Social Studies takes last month and this month's DI star. They enhanced their "picture smart" abilities with the mummy creations they made in art. In the library this month they will be working with Mrs. Zimmerman researching famous gods/goddesses and pharaohs to make a "Who's Who in Egypt" scrapbook.

CONGRATULATIONS

We had many wonderful speeches given by the sixth graders running for office this year. You are all winners – to get up and make a speech in front of your contemporaries is very hard!

This year's officers are:

President – Ashley Maddock

Vice President/Cambre – Alec Beach

Vice President/Ewing – Joseph Harris

Secretary – Paige Miller

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