



Sixth Grade Newsletter January 12, 2018

ENGLISH

Beatty

All students should be well into their third class novel *The Wednesday Wars*. We will continue having weekly novel checks on the week's reading assignment. Vocabulary tests begin every other Friday starting with unit 9 on January 12. The book report will be due FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2. ELA will receive their book report forms two weeks before they are due. GRC can choose a book report option from the list in the About section of Google Classroom. Please be sure your student chooses a book report option that he or she has not done yet.

GRC: We have a date for our GRC project fair! You are invited to join us Tuesday, January 23 from 9:00-10:00 to view our students' first semester projects.

Campbell

The students now have their debate topics. We will write an argument writing on the topic. Students should be very familiar with their claim and be able to give evidence that supports their reasons. Check Google Classroom for all assignments and announcements!

Glausier

January 8th-12th, 2018

1. Literary Terms test- Friday 1/12/18
2. Book Report (NF)- 1/18/18
3. Google Slides for Literary Terms- 1/12/18

CLASSROOM NEED: CLOROX OR LYSOL WIPES FOR CLEANING DESK

* Remember to sign your student's agenda book on Monday night.

MATH

Brown

Check out Mrs. Brown's blog for current information.

Goodall

We spent last week understanding exponents and order of operations. We will extend our understanding on these concepts and begin to understand the process of equations. We will work to understand what the word algebra means, how to solve equations for the variable and to balance our equations,

Van Der Geest:

Week 1/15 math Van Der Geest: No School on Monday. Students will continue to learn about equations. Please provide pencils, paper and a calculator for your child.

SCIENCE

Gonzales, Marino, Stallings

Science students have organized what they already know about weather and climate in preparation for our new unit. Classes are now creating models to learn about the vortex of rotating storms. Next it is on to cloud formation using a really cool model. As always, thank you for all you do!

SOCIAL STUDIES

Caiola

Welcome back! We are working on the target goal of citing evidence with examples, reasons and facts both orally and in writing. The annual Elks Lodge Americanism Essay is a chance for students to publish their ideas on the topic: Why Veterans Are Heroes. Winners will be chosen from every 6th grade class. Division One (5th and 6th grade) winners' essays will be sent on to the state competition. Handout posted on BLOG: <http://podcasts.shelbyed.k12.al.us/mcaiola/homework/>

McMahan

We are finishing our study of the Roaring 20's and the Jazz Age. Our essays for the Cahaba Elks Lodge Writing Contest have been turned in. We will now begin our study of the Great Depression and the crashing of the Stock Market in Chapter 10.

Prosch

This week students completed their essays for the Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge essay contest. Students wrote on the topic, "Why Our Veterans are America's Heroes." Students were to turn in a hard copy to be scored by the Elks Lodge. Students were also to submit an electronic copy on Google Classroom, which will be graded by me. If students did not meet the deadline for the essay contest, there is still time to receive credit for this assignment, which is a gold grade.

We ended last semester with World War I, which brings us to the Jazz Age, or the Roarin' Twenties! We will study this briefly over the next couple of weeks.

Spanish

Nivens

Physical Education

Butler and Trice

Band - Mrs. Rizzo

Beginning Band Parents:

If you have not received any e-mails about band information (from chmsbandboosters@gmail.com), please contact our Band Boosters at this e-mail or Mrs. Rizzo at her school e-mail to make sure we have correct contact information for you.

Thank you!

Family and Consumer Science – Mrs. Hunter

We will finish up our "All about Me" unit this week and begin discussing the effects of friends and family. Syllabus Acknowledgement Form and \$10.00 fee due 1/10/18. If your child has not turned theirs in yet, please have them do so by Friday.

Pillow supplies are due 1/17/18. **Please do not send more than one-half yard of fleece** to school with your child.

Choir – Mr. Mandt

This week, all 6th Grade classes will be focusing on rhythm in both Choir and Music Appreciation. We will be learning different note values, as well as how they sound and fit into music. We will do associated activities, play rhythm games, and sing folk songs that reinforce these concepts. This is designed to better set up next week, when we will start to put this rhythm work with singing. Students have already been working hard this 9-weeks!

Library/Media Specialist – Mrs. Stafford

This week and next, all 6th grade classes will visit the library for book check out and information on Google Drive. If students need any extra assistance, they may visit the library during study hall.

Reminders:

- Be certain to turn in a letter from your parents or physician any time you miss school. It must be submitted the day you return to school from an absence.
- Cell phones should be powered off and in your bookbag if you bring them to school unless they are being used for educational purposes under the supervision of your teacher.



Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it TRUE?

H = Is it HELPFUL?

I = Is it INSPIRING?

N = Is it NECESSARY?

K = Is it KIND? Have you solved our riddles yet?

Contact Dr. Scarbrough if you need assistance at any time throughout the school year.

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