

Our Classroom News

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What's Happening This Month

Events:

- February 5: Real Men Read
- February 7: Shadow Day, Friday Night Extremes (6-7 pm), Related Arts Student Town Hall
- February 14: Sweetheart Tea
- February 21: Interims issued
- February 27: Parent/ teacher conference night (3-6 pm)
- February 27: Black History Program (6-7 pm)
- February 28: Professional Development for teacher

Important Information

- It's flu season. Please send in extra wipes, tissues and disinfectant sprays to help us keep our rooms germ free!
- Also, as always, pencils and paper are important to class routines and learning. Feel free to send in some supplies for the class to share!
- Homework is important to your child's success. Remember to give your child reminders about turning in their weekly Science, Math, and ELA homework.
- We will not be having a Valentines party but students are welcome to bring in Valentines to the class. Please check with your homeroom teacher as valentines must include each child in the homeroom class.
- Reminder that although cell phones are not "technically" allowed on campus, we realize the need for students to be able to contact you at home. Having phones out during the day is forbidden as is taking pictures and videos during the school day. Students that use phones without permission during the school day will have their phone confiscated until a parent can pick it up.

A Peek At What We Are Learning This Month

ELA/ Writing

Our research papers are out for display on our hallway. It was fun to watch students work through the writing process and take pride in their essays. We will be writing in ELA about the Causes of the American Revolution and finishing our expository unit on sea turtles. In February we will begin discussing argumentative / persuasive writing. Students will be giving their opinion often on various issues. We will be using the OREO model (Opinion, Reason, Explain and restate Opinion). We will be focusing on building our vocabulary and using context clues to determine the meaning of words in sentences. We will continue incorporating our social studies curriculum in our ELA block with nonfiction reads aloud about the Revolutionary War.

Math

In Math, we are going to be moving onto division here soon! I'm proud of the progress our Superheroes have made in multiplication -- they are really using the strategies we practiced in class. Please continue to push Dreambox and practice those multiplication facts. Thank you for your continued support!

Science

Weekly homework sheets are distributed on Monday and submitted on Friday. In science we are currently covering the Physical Science Units specifically Forms of Energy Light and Sound. The students will be learning about the properties of light, how is visible light different from other kinds of radiant energy, how does distance affect light and the varied effects that involve light.

Social Studies

This month we will focus on the independence of the colonies from England. Students will be able to discuss in detail the causes of the American Revolution as well as identify the creators of America. We will bring to life battles won and appreciate the bravery of leaders like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine and John Adams.

Character Trait of the Month: Discipline

Discipline was our Gaughman Road's trait for Character of the Month. Discipline means the act of showing self control in academics and behavior. Our Comets of the Month are: Del'shani Richardson, Jahmias Singleton, TyReon Joyce, Alanna Malcolm, Sulma Perez Domingo, Steven Gilmore, Zymere Ahemn and Madison White.