



6th Grade *Mustang Minute*

September
2021

Important Dates & Reminders

**** For daily lessons and practice, check Itslearning ****

9/2: Cross Country Meet at Horizon Christian Academy
9/3: Early Release & school fundraiser ends

9/6: No School- Labor Day
9/7: LMMS vs. Piney Grove at East Forsyth High- 6:30
9/10: Patriot's Day (Wear White)

9/14: LMMS vs. North at East Forsyth High-6:30
9/15: Cross Country Meet at Riverwatch Middle- 5:00
9/16: Title I Annual Meeting
9/17: School Picture Day

9/20-9/24: Fall Break- No School

9/24: Cross Country Meet at Hendricks Middle- 5:00
9/29: Family Connect Night

Schedule

Monday- Skinny Day
Tuesday- A Day
Wednesday- B Day
Thursday- A Day
Friday- B Day

Class Information

ELA

Students are in Unit One of their *My Perspectives* online textbook. We are studying the elements of plot and completing plot diagrams. Students are also working to identify theme, recognize author's purpose and make connections with our reading. Soon students will begin writing a personal narrative.

Math

We have gotten off to a terrific start in 6th grade math beginning with an Introduction to Integers (positive and negative numbers). The next concept we have been exploring is the Coordinate Plane - plotting and identifying points in all 4 quadrants.

Science

All Science classes have enjoyed learning and implementing scientific inquiry skills. Students have been participating in hands-on activities and completed their first experiment of the school year. We will have our first test on 9/2 (A Day) and 9/3 (B Day) It will cover the following topics:

- What is Earth Science?
- Lab Safety
- Scientific Inquiry
- Theory vs. Law
- Theories of the Universe



Social Studies

We are off to a great start! Our introductory unit includes map skills, types of government and economy. In 6th grade, the standards focus on two types of government, autocracy and democracy. The economy standards focus on market, command, and mixed economies. We will wrap up this unit soon and head to Europe!

Advanced and Accelerated Classes

ELA	Adv./Acc. Math	Science	Social Studies
<p>We are beginning an in depth novel study over <i>Flipped</i> by Wendelin Van Draanen. During this study our skill focus will be: text connections, plot, conflict, indirect and direct characterization, tone/mood, author's perspective / point of view and closely analyzing text. We will participate in engaging literature circles to share annotations as well as observe how characters are developed throughout a story. We will also observe how literary elements help to structure, develop, and advance the plot. *Outside reading will be a requirement.</p>	<p>Advanced and Accelerated Math are currently learning about operations with integers. Students should be practicing nightly on www.thatquiz.org to increase their fluency with integer operations. Please check itslearning for all learning resources and extra practice.</p>	<p>Advanced Science classes have applied scientific inquiry skills in multiple ways. They are now able to explain the difference between a scientific theory and a scientific law. Students completed an experiment to practice safe lab procedures and develop scientific inquiry skills. We have begun focusing on Theories of the Universe using models and a hands-on lab. We will have our first test on 9/2 (A Day) and 9/3 (B Day) It will cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is Earth Science? - Lab Safety - Scientific Inquiry - Theory vs. Law - Theories of the Universe 	<p>Advanced classes have just completed the map skills portion of our introductory unit. Students applied their knowledge by creating their own maps. This unit also includes types of government and economy. The government standards focus on two types of government: autocracy and democracy. The economy standards focus on command, market, and mixed. Students will use their knowledge on these topics to create their own country. They will have lots of decisions to make about how to make their country successful!</p>

Counselor's Corner

Hello Mustangs!

We have a new counselor this year joining our 6th grade team! *Mrs. Elissa Hughes* will serve all 6th grade students. During the first week of school, Mrs. Hughes visited each of the 6th grade math classes to introduce the school counseling program at Little Mill.

If students ever need to talk with their school counselor, they should complete the Counselor Request Form under the LMMS Student Information course in itslearning. They can also send their counselor a message through Itslearning or an email.

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Gula's Good News

We have had a great start to the 2021-2022 school year!

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Family Engagement News

On Thursday, September 16th we will hold our Annual Title I Meeting. This will be virtual and will have two different sessions 9:30 am (English) and 3:00 pm (Spanish translation available).

All information will be recorded and posted for you to review.

Math Study Tips

Reduce Math Anxiety the Easy Way Practice for Progress

When you practice you become:

1. More used to the steps to get a solution.
2. Familiar with the questions.
3. More confident in your abilities.

How can you do this at home?

1. Rework the practice problems from class



2. Go over missed questions on quizzes and tests
3. Practice through games

**Practicing for math is the same as a sport,
repetition will show results.**

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