

WELLSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take this time to welcome you to the Wellston Middle School. We hope that everyone has had a smooth transition to the middle school. It has been a very busy first quarter. We appreciate all of the parents who are signing up for Parent-Teacher Conferences. We enjoy meeting each and every one of you. During the months of November and December, students will be administered several assessments. These assessments will include the Terra Nova Tests and the STAR Reading and Math Assessments as progress monitoring tools during the second quarter. We are looking forward to a very productive, safe, and healthy second quarter.

Respectfully,

The Sixth Grade Team

Sixth Grade Happenings

ELA

Sixth grade students have been very busy. We finished our first writing piece, "Where I'm From". This free verse poem explores our roots and wings. We hope that you enjoyed reading them. We certainly did. Our students have completed the novel, *Missing Mike*. This novel was written by author, Shari Green. We are diving into theme development and metacognition practices (thinking about our thinking). Currently, our students are reading the novel, *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden. It is a great book to read around Halloween. Students are continuing to use *Words Their Way* to address the weaknesses found in spelling. They have weekly spelling lists that are based on their individual spelling levels. Assessments are conducted on Fridays. Students are using IXL to work on language skills. The students need to continue reading for at least 20 minutes a night. Reading is the best way to increase students' vocabulary.

Upcoming Events

November 5, 2024

- No School-Staff PD

November 27-December 2, 2024

- No School-Thanksgiving Break

Important Announcement

Join our school on **Remind** by texting @wms6Grade to 81010.

This is a nightly homework reminder.

Absences

Please make sure your child checks Google Classroom to complete any work assigned while they are absent.

Math

In math, we are finishing up our fraction unit. We are getting ready to move on to decimals. Please make sure that your student is completing his/her math homework each night. There is math homework Monday – Thursday for the students. Two IXL assignments are due every Friday. Please ensure your student is completing these assignments, as well. IXL assignments can be completed on a phone or any electronic device. Students were given their login information, and it should be in their math binders. These assignments should not take more than 15-20 minutes. If a student is having trouble with the assignment, there is a video that will help him/her to understand the problem. When students miss a problem, an explanation is provided, so students need to review why they missed the problem. This is an excellent way for students to work on skills that they are struggling with in math class.

Social Studies

Sixth grade Social Studies has started the year advancing our knowledge of timelines to include the multi-tiered which compares two different places at the same time in history. We have just ended our study of the four ancient river civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, and China. Ask your student who figured out how to plant in rows and make paper! We will move onto the five major world religions next.

Science

6th grade science has gotten off to a great start. We began the year learning about observations and inferences. Then, we moved into learning about different types of variables in experiments. Currently, we are studying about cells. Students have been learning about the different parts (organelles) found in cells and their functions. The students will be using their knowledge of cells to create a “Cell City” in the near future. We are looking forward to a productive 2nd quarter of the year!



Please remind students keep toys at home in that we have their full focus and attention within the classroom. If students require a fidget, it should be small and quiet, please.