

October 27, 2023

2-Hour Late Start for Staff PD

November 7, 2023

No School-Staff PD

November 13-17, 2023

Terra Nova Testing

November 22-27, 2023

No School-Thanksgiving Break

December 21, 2023

End of 2nd Grading Period

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 appreciated all the parents who took the time to join us for conferences. We enjoyed 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 a progress monitoring tool 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

Our students have completed the novel, *Missing Mike*. This novel was written by author, Shari Green. 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 Friday, and the students have a homework packet that needs to be completed prior to the

test. 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.

Math

Sixth grade math is off to a strong start. Students are learning how to multiply and divide fractions. Math homework is assigned nightly. Students are assigned two math skills on IXL each week. The math skill is a concept on what has already been taught in the math class. Students must complete the IXL assignments by the end of the week. Please check with your child to see if homework is completed.

Social Studies

Sixth grade Social Studies is working on a large Ancient River Civilizations unit. Students have reviewed and discussed the Neolithic Revolution. We dove into the four Old-World River Valley Cultures: Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, and China. We have located these ARC regions on the map, and investigated and explored their social structures, governments, agriculture, economies, writing systems, buildings and religions, and enduring influences. Students were to study these Ancient River Civilizations and the maps this week. There will be a test over the material next week.

Science

Sixth grade science has gotten off to a great start. We have learned how to make observations and inferences and also how to identify variables in experiments. Currently, we are learning about cells. Specifically, we are studying the different parts of the cell and their functions. Hopefully, the next three grading periods go as well as the first!

More Important News

Upcoming Projects:

WRAP at WMS

If you would like to attend the after-school WRAP program, please submit the application to Mrs. Justice. The application is located on school website under Parent Forms.



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