First Quarter 2021-22 Newsletter

**Upcoming** Events

October 29, 2021

# WELLSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade Cards

No School

6TH GRADE

November 4, 2021

Parent-Teacher Conference

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. Students will be administered the Terra Nova Tests in the month of November. The sixth-grade students will also take their 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.

November 24-29, 2021

Thanksgiving Break

November 30, 2021

Professional Development Day

No School for Students

Sincerely

The Sixth Grade Team

# Sixth Grade Happenings

#### ELA

Our students have completed the novel, *Hatchet*. This novel was written by author, Gary Paulsen. We learned last week that he passed away at the age of 84. Sixth-grade students are comparing and contrasting the novel, *Hatchet*, with a movie version of this novel called *A Cry in the Wild*. Students are continuing to use *Words Their Way* to address the weaknesses found in spelling. Students are using IXL to work on language skills. Students need to continue reading for at least 20 minutes a night. Reading is the best way to increase their vocabulary.

Math

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Sixth grade math is off to a strong start. Students are learning how to multiply and divide fractions. Math homework is assigned nightly. Please check with your child to see if homework is completed.

#### **Social Studies**

Sixth grade Social Studies started our year with learning about being Digital Citizens. We discussed various ways people try to trick us into giving out personal information and how we need to be responsible when interacting with each other online. We don't want to cause digital drama that overflows into our sports teams or back at school.

We then moved onto a large unit called the Ancient River Civilizations. So far, we have discussed the Neolithic Revolution and the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt.



#### Science

6<sup>th</sup> 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. Application is located on school website under Parent forms.