

WELLSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE

Important Announcement

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take this time to welcome you all back to school. We hope that everyone had a wonderful and restful break. It is hard to believe our school year is already half over. Our second quarter of school was a very busy one. Students were administered the Terra Nova Tests and the STAR Reading and Math Assessments during the months of November and December. We are looking forward to a very productive, safe, and healthy third quarter.

Sincerely

The Sixth Grade Team

Sixth Grade Happenings

ELA

Our students have completed the novels, *Hatchet* and *Brian's Winter*. Both novels were written by author, Gary Paulsen. Sixth-grade students were able to compare and contrast the novel, *Hatchet*, with a nonfiction account of survival in the biographical account, *Lost in the Jungle*. Students were able to continue Brian's saga in the wilderness with *Brian's Winter*, which provided an alternative ending to the novel, *Hatchet*. Students need to continue reading for at least 20 minutes a night. Reading is the best way to increase their vocabulary.

Math

Math students have continued working on computing multi-digit numbers and finding common factors and multiples. They have worked on writing expressions that record operations with numbers and letters that stand for numbers, as well as, identifying parts of an expression using mathematical terms. Currently, students are working on solving one-

variable equations and inequalities. Remember the students have homework Monday through Thursday. Please make sure the students are completing their homework every night. Homework gives the students valuable practice time necessary to learn new skills.

Social Studies

We were VERY busy during the second term, or second nine weeks in Social Studies. We finished our studies in the Five Major World Religions before going into a unit on the four main types of Government...very timely with our election and current events! We have now started tackling the tricky subject of Economics. Sixth grade has SIX standards devoted to this difficult topic which we are studying in chunks with time to digest the information. We are using Study Island to reinforce the concepts after we have concluded each chunk.

Science

6th grade science has been studying about matter. We have identified what matter is. We have also looked at the different types of matter, from atoms to compounds. Physical properties of matter is what we have moved on to. Students are now learning, specifically, what mass volume and density are and how to measure those properties. It has been an enjoyable experience thus far and we are looking forward to the second half of the year!

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.



February Dates

February 11, 2021

Parent-Teacher Conferences

12-7:15 pm

Phone conferences/Google Meet

February 12, 2021

Professional Development Day

NO SCHOOL-Students

February 15, 2021

Presidents' Day

NO SCHOOL