



The Owl Oracle

April 8, 2016

Welcome to 4th Quarter!

- Can you believe it? In just a matter of weeks, your students will become 7th graders! But... we have a LOT of work to do to get them there! Attendance, assignment completion, and attention in class to review are going to be crucial to the success of all our Owls!
- Field Trip Tuesday, April 12. See below for reminders and details.
- Interim Assessments begin Monday, April 11 (LA), and continue April 13 (SS), 14 (Math), 15 (Sci).

Field Trip: Hiddenite, here we come!!

We will leave campus at 9:30, right after taking attendance. That will get us to Emerald Hollow Mine by 11:00 for our 11:15 tours. Please make sure you send a bag lunch unless you previously signed up for a cafeteria bag lunch. Students should have a string bag with them to hold lunch, water, towel, and extra clothes/shoes. (Part of our day includes wading in a creek.) Pay attention to the forecast to dress for the weather. You may bring your cell phone and a small amount of spending money, but be aware we cannot be responsible for your personal items.

****Have your ride here at 5:00.** Park in the car lot and we will bring students from the bus lot to car lot for pickup.

Language Arts- We finished up our LONG unit on Text Structures, Author Purpose/Tone, Editorials/Persuasion, and Propaganda/Advertising right before break. These will be covered on the Interim Assessment Monday. Students have been reviewing in class, doing a Google Classroom assignment Thursday night, and spending all of Friday to review and prepare for greatness! Our next unit we have begun this week is Poetry. Following poetry will be our Spring Novel unit, and then EOG review.

****Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo MUST be in class with your honors student beginning Wednesday, April 20.** I need to speak to individuals now who may have difficulties getting this.

Science: We have our 6 week assessment next Friday. It will cover Geology, Astronomy, and Plant topics. Our new unit is focusing on cycles of matter (water, carbon, nitrogen) with an emphasis on photosynthesis and respiration. We are also reviewing food webs and energy pyramids. The test over this unit will be Wednesday, April 27.

Social Studies- Ms. Acevedo

We had an exciting week as we completed our unit on Ancient Greece with our class Olympic competition and a sampling of some delicious Greek food! Thank you to all who sent in treats for our class, it is much appreciated. Yesterday, we began our new chapter on Ancient Rome. It is chapter 10 in our Discovery Education Techbook if your student needs to access it. Also, a reminder that students will be taking their 6 week assessment on Wednesday. This assessment will include all information from the beginning of the year. Students are encouraged to study their previous Discovery Education tests as the assessment will be based off of these tests. Enjoy your weekend!

Math- Mrs. Sanders

I'd like to thank everyone for the warm welcome! This week in math we will continue with our statistics unit focusing on box and whisker plots and histograms. The Data test will be Monday, April 18th. Students will also be taking their 6-week interim assessment on Thursday, April 14. Mock EOG's will take place on Thursday, April 21st and Friday, April 22nd. Surface area test corrections are due April 21st.

Spring has sprung, and with it comes warmer weather and sweaty students! Whether you are a first time parent of a middle school student, or a veteran, it's time to have that talk with your child about hygiene. Showers, clean clothes and using deodorant make a big difference in classrooms with large numbers of students. Please talk with your child about making this a daily routine. We all know how blunt middle school students can be. Basic daily hygiene can prevent a lot of hurt feelings. Thanks for having this conversation with your child.

-Ms. Klemm/6th Grade School Counselor