

Mrs. Alexis Anjomshoaa Brown's Newsletter

September 2020

Dates to remember:

- September 1 - 5th grade students pick up books
- September 2 - 6th grade students pick up books
Curriculum Night @ 6:30pm
- September 7 - No School: Labor Day
- September 8 - First day of school
- September 10 - Spirit day - Crazy Hat Day!!!
- September 11 - Cohorts come to school
- September 18 - Cohorts come to school
- September 22 - MAP Testing: Math & Language Usage
- September 25 - MAP Testing: Reading

Language Arts:

Reading

- The class will review their summer reading log and take a Star Reading Assessment.
- Students will begin reading the novel *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare.
- The class will work on reading comprehension worksheets and activities to supplement their daily reading assignments.
- Students have the option of joining Mrs. Alexis reading online.
- Each student will also select and begin reading a book of their choice for their first Independent Book Project, which is any nonfiction book.

Writing

- The class will begin their daily writing assignments in their journals. These assignments are short and creative ways to begin each day with writing.
- The students will write a letter to Ms. Kilbane telling her a little about themselves, their interests, and what they did during the summer.
- Everyone will write a short three paragraph essay for the word of the month. September's word of the month is *Initiate*.
- Students will discuss the element of a Thesis for their next essay.

Mathematics:

5th Grade: The 5th grade class will begin Chapter 1: Whole Numbers. This chapter reviews and expands on the different ways whole numbers can be written. It focuses on how numbers can be compared and rounded, according to their place value. The class will get daily homework assignments and a quiz at the end of the month.

6th Grade: The 6th grade class will begin Chapter 1: Positive Numbers and the Number Line. The main focus of this chapter is to identify whole numbers, fractions, and decimals as numbers that can be represented in several ways. The class will get daily homework assignments and a quiz at the end of the month.

Art:

- **Terrarium** - Students will go outside and collect natural elements to incorporate into a small terrarium. They will take a picture and share with the class.
- **Cement stone** - Students will use sea glass and other found pieces to create a cement stone that can be placed outside.
- **Finger Knitting** - Students will finger knit a lei in an effort to connect with the era during which their novel *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* takes place.