

Mrs. Alexis Anjomshoaa Brown's Newsletter

January 2021

Dates to remember:

- January 4 - School resumes online
- January 11 - School resumes in person
- January 14 - Spirit Day!
- January 18 - No School: MLK Jr. Day
- January 31 - Open House
State of the School Address

Language Arts:

Reading

- Students will begin the novel Toliver's Secret by Esther Brady.
- The class is defining key vocabulary words and answering chapter questions to support a deeper understanding of the book.
- The student will participate in several fun activities to supplement their daily reading assignments.
- Each student will begin their next Independent Book Project (IBP) which is based on any from the Science Fiction or Fantasy book genre. These projects are due on Tuesday, February 23.

Writing

- The class will continue with their daily writing assignments in their journals.
- After completing the book, Toliver's Secret, the 5th/6th grade class will be working on their second four paragraph analytical essay about the book. This will include the following:
 - Writing introductory paragraph using A.N.T
 - Constructing a thesis sentence
 - Supporting ideas with evidence from the text
 - Concluding paragraph
 - Complete a self edit

- Two peer reviews
- The students will write a three paragraph essay for the word of the month. January's word of the month is Justice.
 - Students will use editing notation to review their own work and their peers.
 - Students will use rubrics to reflect on their work and give themselves a grade.

Mathematics:

Green group math: The green group will begin Chapter 3: Fractions and Mixed Numbers. In this chapter, students will learn to add and subtract unlike fractions and mixed numbers. They will learn to represent the same number in many different ways as this will be an important skill when students begin their study of algebra. The class will get daily homework assignments and quizzes every other week to prepare for the chapter test.

Red group math: The red group math will begin with Chapter 4: Ratios. In this chapter the students will extend concepts learned with fractions to ratios. They will learn equivalent ratios, writing ratios in simplest form, comparison models and the unitary method to solve many types of ratio problems. The class will get daily homework assignments and quizzes every other week to prepare for the chapter test. This is a short chapter. Therefore, the red group will take a Chapter 4 test before the end of the month.

Art:

- **Pop Art** - Students will participate in the school wide art project and design a pop art poster. Pop art images are simple, bold and inspired by everyday objects vibrant with colors.
- **Winter Pups & Kitten** - The class will draw cute little illustrations of puppies or kittens inspired by author and illustrator Angie Rozelaar.
- **Snow Globe Cities** - Students will use cardboard, paper, water colors and Sharpies to create beautiful cities inside a snow globe.

Some pictures from last month :)

