



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter, November 2020

Wow, all of this blustery autumn wind sure made October fly by! The 6<sup>th</sup> grade is in full swing! This first week of November brings us to the end of the first quarter and time for Parent Teacher conferences on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

In Math this month, students will be using their knowledge of rational numbers to solve real-world problems. Students will continue to strengthen their understanding of the coordinate plane by using absolute value to find the distance between points. They will also use the coordinate plane to map out locations and discover different routes.

In ELA, we are continuing to add key skills to our grammar abilities by practicing parts of speech. We have examined types of nouns and pronouns, and are moving onto verbs, adjectives and prepositions. As we add to our interactive notebooks, we are building towards a project in which students will get to use their knowledge of parts of speech in a creative way- to create their own menu for a restaurant! We will also be starting monthly book reports this month. Students will select a book of their choice in the genre of *historical fiction* to read independently. Please check Google Classroom for more updates.

In Social Studies, we are learning about the Nile River Valley Civilizations. As we examine the characteristics of these ancient societies, students will see many similarities to our study of the Old Testament in Religion class. Students will be able to compare and contrast between ancient cultures.

In Religion, we are following the patriarchs of God's chosen people as they make their way out of Canaan and into Egypt. We are learning that God had a plan for his people and that through a little faith anything can be achieved. We are also practicing our gratitude this month by taking time each day to write about all that we are thankful for in our lives.

In Science, students will examine the relationship between energy, motion, force and work. We will observe real-world situations to help understand these concepts. We will also dive into the study of kinetic and potential energy to learn about the factors that affect each. Then we will examine specific forms of energy including chemical, mechanical, and electrical.

It is sure to be a fun-filled month!

Best,

Miss Knowles