

## 6TH GRADE MARKING PERIOD 3 - CLUSTER NEWS

<b>Science:</b>	In Science, we ended our chapter on Plate Tectonics. Currently, students are creating their own models of sea-floor spreading, boundaries, subduction and Earth's features. Once projects are completed, students will begin their unit on Geologic Time Scale. This unit will encompass the age of fossils, index fossils, homologous structures and Geologic Time.
<b>Math:</b>	<p>In Math 6, we focused on Percent Problem Solving, Dividing Fractions and Mixed Numbers, Integers, and the Coordinate Plane in marking period 2. We are moving into writing and evaluating expressions and solving equations and inequalities.</p> <p>In 6th grade Pre-Algebra honors we will begin investigating proportional relationships and linear functions. This unit will require students to apply their algebraic thinking to understand and graph linear functions.</p>
<b>English:</b>	In English, 6th graders are deepening their literary analysis skills and learning how to share their analysis in an essay. Book clubs are in full swing and students are reading a variety of texts and discussing them with their groups.
<b>Social Studies:</b>	<p>Congratulations to 6th grader Ethan Lo for coming in 2nd place in the TJMS school-wide Geography Bee! Great job, Ethan!</p> <p>In Social Studies, the students are currently studying about ancient Egypt. We are exploring what life was like for people in Egypt and how the Nile River provided a life source in the desert. We will be investigating many topics like how and why Egyptians mummified their dead, their beliefs in many gods, and how pyramids became common in the Old Kingdom. We will then be moving on to explore ancient India and the Indus River Valley after we complete our Egypt unit.</p>