

6th Grade News

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With the most recent announcement about school buildings being closed for the remainder of the year, there are lots of questions that need answering. The most important question is about students' academic responsibilities! What is expected? "Business as Usual." Students should be continuing to log on daily, checking the "TO DO" list for newly posted assignments, as well as any outstanding assignments that are still incomplete.

We will be reaching out to parents & students to provide additional support, as we realize a high percentage of students owe work in *at least one* subject – we are concluding that there are still students out there that are struggling with the technology, and we want to help! *Please*, if your household prohibits your child/children from fulfilling their academic responsibilities, reach out to us. If they are finding the variety of ways work is presented, how their assignments need to be completed, and how to submit their assignments, your child's teacher, as well as Mrs. Formont, is available for one-on-one support!

Yesterday, at the Bennett Building Meeting, we discussed several topics that pertain to students, specifically:

- Retrieving items that were left behind in homerooms
- Returning items that belong at school
 - Borrowed Chromebooks
 - Musical Instruments
 - Textbooks
 - Novels and periodicals borrowed from the school library and classroom libraries
- 6th Grade Graduation
- September Planning

We are working on the listed items, and *more*. As soon as there is information to share, you will be hearing from the 6th Grade Team of Teachers, as well as Mr. Buono.

Mini group hang outs will continue for another week or two; we will modify as needed. A great place to hook up with friends and discuss students' concerns. On Wednesday (05/06), Mrs. Formont and Ms. Mayone-Allison enjoyed swapping recipes with Sadie, Andrew, Shelby B., Mariana, Talulah,

Alexa, and Aoife! We always enjoy spending time with our students; we miss them all very much!

Homeroom meetings are now on Thursday afternoons at 2:30 pm.

Academics: Remind your child to attend subject-specific *hang outs* – teachers address the most recent lessons, as well as provide additional academic support!

In **Reading**, we continue to explore Social Issues that characters face, as well as the lessons authors are teaching. Students should be planning and logging their reading, as well as submitting reflections once-a-week. Please check out the various TOPIC folders for links, resources, and materials.

In **Math**, we are exploring volume of rectangular and triangular prisms. The students are using formulas of a triangle and a quadrilateral to reinforce their understanding of these geometric shapes. This will extend into using measurements with fractions and decimals as well.

In **Science**, students are continuing to work in their outdoor classrooms! Garden posts, garden math, and learning about plants and animals of the Catskills are keeping students outside and engaged!



In **Social Studies**, students completed their history mystery regarding Mummy X. Still in Egypt, students will be enjoying interactive learning experiences presented by the University of Manchester.

In **Writing**, students are finishing the research portion of their projects, reviewing gathered information, and creating outlines that will provide the foundation for rough drafts. Topics being researched vary from the current Covid-19 pandemic to the history of French fries. Next, students will be crafting their rough drafts and deciding how they wish to present their newly gathered knowledge!

Students are also reminded that each step is posted on Mondays, with the check-in on the following Monday, to support project pacing. Students still have time to choose a topic and start the process.