

6th Grade News

June 5, 2020

It's June! Next Friday (06/12) is the last day of **new** work; that doesn't mean the year is over. For students who have been staying on top of their work, it will be a time to perfect those final assignments, attend mini-meets, and stay connected. For others, it's **crunch time!** Lessons and homeroom meetings will focus on Social Emotional Learning – the 4Rs.

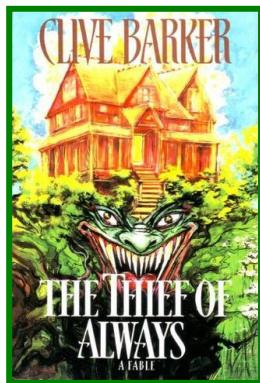
We get it – this has been so tough on all of us. For the majority of us, Google Classroom is a new and foreign format. Not seeing your faces every day was most frustrating. We miss that face-to-face connection. To those students who consistently attended academic hang outs, homeroom meetings, and mini-meets, we extend a sincere “Thank you.” We hope we helped you as much as you helped us.

The week of June 1st – June 5th:

We were excited to see the turn out for the Open Book Discussion with Brett Barry and Adam Verner – it was extremely informative to talk to these two gentlemen about their craft. It also inspired students to listen more carefully to the audio book, *The Thief of Always* (by Clive Barker), our mentor text for **Reading's** Fantasy Unit.

Thanks to Mrs. Amodeo, we also have a digital copy available for students who are experiencing technical difficulties with the audio book. Aoife Bronston is pleased to have both forms of the novel, commenting, “I'm really enjoying the read aloud, but I also like to refer back to the text when I'm writing my reflections.”

We appreciate students' enthusiasm regarding this book, and enjoy the daily OPEN BOOK talks. Miles Polinger shared his gleeful frustration, “I need to know if those were the last chapters, today. It's killing me. . .if they are not the last, how many chapters are left?” (NOTE to all avid readers, this week ended with chapter 16; there are ten chapters more!!)



Also during this past week, we facilitated another online visit with middle school teachers. Again, it was great to see who the teachers are and for the students to have a chance to ask both subject-specific and general questions about next year. Attending teachers offered their email addresses for us to share, encouraging students ask questions. We have one more week of special guests attending our homeroom meetings.

**If you need help – you can count on us!
CALLING ALL 6th Graders**

ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT
**Available to anyone who needs help in
completing assignments**

CONTACT: Ms. Bruck, Mrs. Countryman,
Mr. Downs, Mrs. Formont, Mrs. Kuhne, Mr.
LaMonda, Ms. Mastrangelo, Ms. Mayone-
Allison OR Mrs. Parker

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Coming Up:

Tonight is the PTA-sponsored variety show! We are hoping that everyone tunes in to enjoy our students' special talents.

A **Science-Art** Contest! “We will be celebrating our garden project with guest judges, critiquing students' garden-inspired art,” reported Mr. Downs. Art can include any medium, from photography and painting to sculpture and poetry.

In **Math**, students are continuing their work with statistics, exploring how data can be displayed and interpreted.

Mrs. Kuhne just posted the last of the **new Social Studies** assignments, which is due on Wednesday, June 10th. Remind your children to check and make sure they are up-to-date with their other assignments.

In **Writing**, students should continue to write weekly journal entries, finish research projects, and complete end-of-year writing assignments.

Mrs. Formont asks everyone to “continue submitting photos and *short*, personal messages for our virtual graduation slide show.”