

# 5th and 6th Grade Notes

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**January 17, 2020**

Many students are not coming prepared for outside recess. As winter progresses, boots, hats, and gloves should be brought. Even though not "cool", snow pants would be a good idea, since many of the boys think nothing of diving for the ball and many girls are in skirts. Many students are returning to class with red, cold hands and snowy uniform pants.

Our classroom can be drafty. Long-sleeved shirts and sweaters that meet the uniform code may be welcomed by your student.

What we've done this week...

- **ELA**

- We finished our short writing project on formal letters.
- We completed our reading module on pioneers.

We will be beginning our book study of The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle next week. Replacement cost for any damaged or lost book will be \$12. A reasonable amount of reading and related work will be assigned daily. We will have class time to begin the work. Your student should be using that time to their benefit. A vocabulary list is provided at the end of this newsletter. Both grades will be taking a vocab test over the words next Friday. We will be talking about and doing some work with these words next week.

- **Social Studies**

- We began our study of Mesopotamia and Sumerian life.
- We will learn about Hammurabi and his laws next week.

- **Religion**

- Many students are making progress memorizing the prayers. Those that haven't tested should still be working towards that goal.
- We are about to begin a lesson on the Great Flood next week.

- **Math**

- 6th grade took a chapter 2 test Friday. After corrections are completed, it will become our first test grade of the third quarter.
- Manipulating decimals continues to be the focus for 5th grade math.

- **Other News**

- I have planned a trip to the symphony in Grand Rapids in late February. There will be no cost to students. More info to come in the next few weeks.
- Students may bring a water bottle to gym class on Tuesdays.

As always, contact me with any questions. I hope everyone stays safe and warm this weekend.

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Vocabulary List

(both 5th and 6th grade will take the vocabulary test)

Vocabulary Test on January 24, 2020

vermin	salutation
porter	promenade
dismissal	censure
reputation	ghastly
massive	convenient
dirk	dexterous
gruel	courteous
trepidation	inferior
loathsome	perpetual
stark	peering