

Fifth & Sixth Grade Notes

(and 7/8 Grade Math Notes, too)

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We started this week off with an extra day off yesterday. Monday will be a jean day to benefit victims of the horrific tornadoes that swept through the Midwest and South last month.

Work that doesn't have a name on it winds up in the recycling bin and is entered as a zero. Correct spelling and neatness have been slow to return from break, as well. The second marking period, and first semester, ends in two weeks. It is a much better use of your student's time, as well as my grading time, to do their best work the first time, instead of having multiple assignments to redo, earning half-credit on corrections.

Weekends are a good time to launder snow gear, coats, and gloves. Sometimes after playing in the mushy snow these items don't dry fully before being used again. Along that same line, uniforms should begin each day clean.

Our mummification project was delayed due to our snow day. We should be able to start this next week.

We continue to learn about baptism and the sacraments in Theology.

There was no vocabulary quiz today. We had some internet issues that prevented us from accessing Quizlet on Wednesday, and then we had a snow day yesterday. New words are on the back. These words come from our new novel, *The Call of the Wild*, by Jack London. Please don't let your student watch the movie at home until we have finished our study. We will be watching the movie in class at the end of our unit.

Math 5 continues working with volume. Finding the volume of composed figures is proving to be challenging.

Math 6 has begun working with ratios and rates. Finding unit rates has been tricky for some because dividing multi-digit with decimals requires neatness and attention and that can be difficult for some. Continued practice of multiplication facts at home would be helpful

Math 7 is working with multiplication of integers and equations.

Math 8 is busy determining slope and writing equations on a line.

Algebra has begun working with monomials. Scientific notation multiplication and division has needed a few days of review this week.

Peace,

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Vocabulary for quiz on 1/14/2022

aristocrat

primordial

mongrel

belie

unkempt

culprit

feign

latent

assail

forlorn

tangible

courier