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READERS WORKSHOP

This quarter, we will be examining how **narrative and informational nonfiction** literature use different sets of skills for comprehension. Discovering text features and types, as well as reading for specific information will be studied as well.

WRITERS WORKSHOP

This quarter, we will begin our **nonfiction writing** unit by writing a series of information books. Later, we will use digital resources to research facts on a variety of topics and will follow that up by creating researched-based writings.



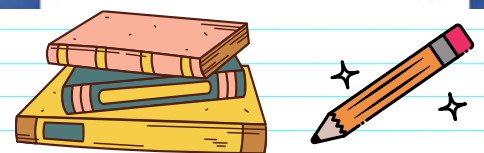
FROM MS. JOANNA...

Please remember to contact me directly with questions, concerns, or just to chat! I will be going on one of Farnsworth's Aerospace trips this year. Please encourage your children to go. What a gift and a great opportunity! If money is of concern, please call me and I will figure out how we can make it happen.

Love you all!



writing workshop:
Research Based
Information Writing



WINTER FAST TESTING FOR READING IS COMING UP!

BACK IN SEPTEMBER, STUDENTS COMPLETED OUR FALL READING FAST TESTING FOR THE DISTRICT.

AS WINTER APPROACHES, STUDENTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN OUR MID-YEAR READING EVALUATIONS IN JANUARY.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO DO THEIR BEST ON THESE FAST TESTS, SO THAT WE CAN ACCURATELY GAUGE READING LEVELS AND COMPREHENSION ABILITIES.




READING AT HOME

Reading at home for **30 minutes each day** is a continued expectation for 6th grade students. There is no shortage of reading material available to students. In addition to physical books, students have access to multiple apps on their iPads with digital books. All reading logs and login information are linked in Readers Workshop classes in Schoology for students. Please be encouraging students to work toward this 30 minute reading goal each day as it will help to improve comprehension skills and boost testing scores.

WEEKLY READING LOG SAMPLE

WEEK 1: NOVEMBER 12-18		BOOK TITLE	MINUTES READ	PAGES READ
11/12	Friday			
11/13	Saturday			
11/14	Sunday			
11/15	Monday			
11/16	Tuesday			
11/17	Wednesday			
11/18	Thursday			



APPS & WEBSITES FOR READING ONLINE:

- Epic
- MackinVia
- LibraryGo
- eBooks MN
- TeenBookCloud
- TumbleBooks Library
- Audiobooks & Podcasts
- St. Paul Public Library Overdrive



GRADING & HOMEWORK

All classwork, practice, and assessments (projects, tests, quizzes, performances) will be graded according to proficiency on the Common Core Standards. Students will receive a score of 0 - 4 on all work.

- 0 - incomplete
- 1 - beginning
- 2 - developing
- 3 - proficient
- 4 - exceeds

**** A score of 0 - 2 can be redone until the student reaches a score of at least 3 (within the designated quarter).**

Grades are weighted:
20% - classwork
80% - assessments

QUARTER 2 EXTENDS FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2022 TO JANUARY 26, 2023



For more resources, visit:
<https://libguides.spps.org/mssterm>

UPCOMING UNITS OF STUDY

READERS WORKSHOP

QUARTER 3

Social Issues Book Clubs
Test-Taking

QUARTER 4

Fantasy Genre Book Clubs
Poetry

WRITERS WORKSHOP

QUARTER 3

Argument Writing
Literary Essays

QUARTER 4

Fantasy Genre Writing
Poetry