

7M TEAM NEWSLETTER

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Social Studies

Human Growth and Development

Students who turned in permission forms for human growth and development (HG&D) attended the lessons this week taught by Mr. Gutierrez and Ms. Frain during their social studies classes.

-Mr. Gutierrez

Science

Because I was teaching Human Growth and Development, my classes were sent to Mr. Harris another 7th grade social studies teacher all week. We also had an intern join our class, Ms. Hildibrand who will be in class every Monday and Tuesday for the next 9 weeks learning about and helping to teach science. In Mr. Harris's class, students were given curriculum created by me, that reviewed what they previously learned in ecology. Watched the movie the Lion King and picked out all the ecological relationships, levels of organizations, and movements of energy. And took a short quiz over energy transfer in the environment which is what we learned both before and after break. They had too cool for drugs on Friday, which will continue on Fridays for the rest of the quarter. It is a school program called "Too Cool For Drugs" presented by Southwest Behavioral Health comes in to teach character education to my class, and will be for the next 12 weeks. This district sponsored program has focused so far on setting goals, making good decisions, and dealing with stress. The students really enjoy the program, and are seem to be learning a lot about themselves and how to handle things better. Please contact me if you have any questions and you can visit my website for more information: msfrainscience.weebly.com

Sarah Frain

Math

Hello, I hope everybody had a wonderful Winter Break and are ready for 3rd quarter! This quarter Pre-Algebra will be working on solving one and two step equations and inequalities before moving onto geometry. This quarter is going to get a little more difficult with new concepts, so I encourage students to attend tutoring or my office hours (Tuesday Mornings) if they need more help and make sure to do test corrections if needed. In Compacted Math, students are working on solving a variety of different problems using The Pythagorean Theorem. They will have a test next Thursday on this material, make sure to bring a calculator to use! Next we are moving onto Geometry and different types of transformations. As always, let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

-Mr. Guzinski

ELA

Hi ELA Families,

Happy New Year! Here we are in another new quarter in the New Year!

The students will be starting Unit 3, in which they will be exploring the essential question, “What can cause a significant change in a person’s life?” We will be reading parts of the story “A Christmas Carol” and looking at the changes in Scrooge’s character, as well as *The Outsiders*, and the changes to characters in it, as they mature. To help your student succeed in ELA, please review the following important points.

The Outsiders book

It is very important that students have this book. We went to the library to get it before Winter break but there are several students who still needed to return old library books, or pay fines, before they could get the new book. Please make sure that your student is able to get the book by clearing library fines. Additionally, if your student was unable to get it before break, they need to go to the library before school, after school, or during their lunch hour. As I am able, I am trying to send students during fourth hour, as well. Please check in with your student to find out whether they have the book. They will need to have it at school M-F to keep up with the reading calendar and assignments.

Pearson Classwork and Homework Policy

In the last semester, I have had a substantial number of students not completing homework and classwork in their Pearson workbooks. Most often, this is work started in class that students are asked to complete at home. If students do not complete the work, this is a challenge because the workbook exercises directly relate to content in the Pearson unit tests. And, perhaps more importantly, Pearson tests are OPEN BOOK tests (reminder, open book tests are not eligible for retakes under school wide retake policy). This means that if they are doing the work, they can directly refer to exercises that provide them with answers to test questions. For example, there are workbook pages that identify vocabulary words that students are tested on in the unit test. For this reason, I am continuing the practice I started last quarter – students earn the right to complete test corrections for Pearson unit tests IF they have completed all of the assigned classwork in the workbook for the unit. PLEASE encourage your student to complete their ELA homework.

As always, please contact me with questions or concerns,

Mrs. Fazio