



Kennedy Middle School

November 2023 Sixth Grade Newsletter

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6th Grade Class Schedule

8:45 - 9:15	Homeroom
9:15 - 10:45	1st Block
10:45 - 11:05	SEL
11:08 - 1:05	2nd Block
12:05 - 12:50	6th Grade Lunch by team
1:08 - 2:32	3rd Block
2:35 - 4:05	Electives (A/B day)

Noteworthy Dates

11/1	Math Benchmark Assessment
11/2	ELA Benchmark Assessment
11/3	Last Day of 1st Quarter
11/6-11/7	No School TWD
11/7	Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/10	No School-Holiday
11/22-11/24	No School

Last week of the 1st Quarter

* For technology help, students should go to the following bitly to complete a form to request assistance: bit.ly/kmschromebookform

Meet Mrs. Goodrum, our new 6th grade Administrator:

For those of you who don't know me, this is my 18th year in education. I started teaching PE right out of college at Alexander Graham Middle School and taught there for 11 years. I coached, AD'd and grew to know the community and the area up there well. In 2017, I transferred to Kennedy to change up my perspective and get a different educational look at Charlotte. I have had my Educational Leadership degree from Wingate for over 10 years and knew that this was the right time to step out of the gymnasium and use my leadership skills a little more intentionally. I have a son (10) and a daughter (7) that attend Berewick Elementary and keep my husband and I busy on the weekends. I love sports, being outdoors and spending my "free time" with my family, including one of my sisters and mom who both live in Charlotte.

News By Content Area:

ELA: (Angelou, Lilley, McNeirney & Trice)

We have already begun Module 1 Unit 3! In this unit, students will reimagine a scene from The Lightning Thief, which includes a new demi-god character. Students will also research a Greek god or other traditional figure and use their research to create a new character, the child of that figure. At the end of the module, students create a presentation with their research and the rewritten narrative scene for the Performance Task.



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Math: (Campbell and Solorzano)

As we begin November, we will also begin our 3rd unit in math. This unit is titled "Unit Ratios and Percentages". This unit will give our students opportunities to calculate percentages in everyday life. Students will continue to receive a homework sheet on Monday of each week, and this is due on Friday. We have been using calculators in class and students may use calculators at home as well. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have at any time.

Honors Math (Day and Keady):

Students will have their Mid Unit 2 Assessment on Thursday, November 9th. A reteach and retest opportunity will follow. Per CMS policy, the highest retest score that can be given is 80%. Unit 2 on Area, Surface Area and Scale Drawings continues through the month of November. The End of Unit 2 Assessment will be Tuesday, November 21st with Unit 3 beginning after Thanksgiving break. Daily work is completed in workbooks that will stay in the classroom. Students will have homework weekly that they receive at the beginning of the week and will be due on Fridays. Mid and end unit assessment dates are communicated to students in a timely manner. Please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns. An online version of our workbook can be found at <https://openupresources.org>. PowerSchool is updated regularly to stay apprised of your student's progress.

Social Studies: (Isgrigg)

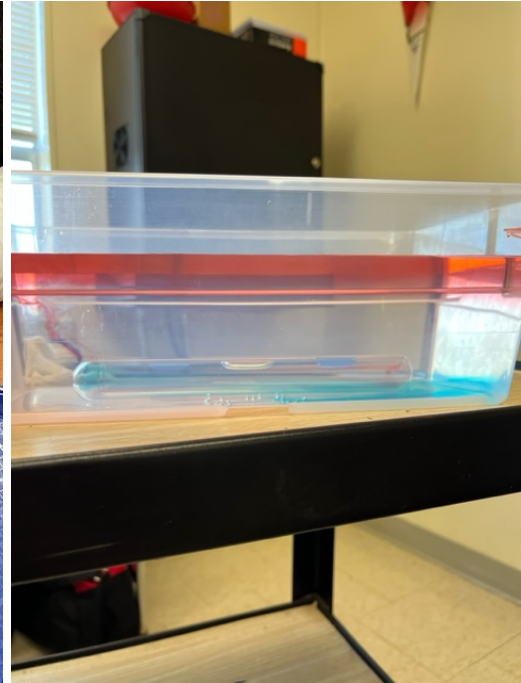
Congratulations to all students and parents on completing the first quarter of 6th grade! As we embark on the second quarter, we're wrapping up Unit 2 in Social Studies and gearing up for an exciting exploration of Unit 3, focusing on ancient civilizations in India and China. Throughout this unit, students will delve into history, geography, economy, government, and culture, applying their knowledge to understand the development of these remarkable civilizations. Please support your students by encouraging them to submit assignments promptly. Stay updated on your child's progress by checking PowerSchool for grades and any missing work. Thank you for your continued involvement and support!

Science: (Saliba and Taylor)

In science we are wrapping up our first unit: matter. Students completed a lab in which they measured the mass, volume and density of different everyday objects. We will start our thermal energy unit during the 2nd week of October. The thermal energy unit has a few labs we will do as well to explain how heat travels from one thing to another. For much of October, students learned about the different types of heat transfer. We modeled convection currents using red and blue food coloring to represent hot and cold water. We also observed how heat travels from a warm to a cool substance in our conduction lab (see pics below). The heat travels through the metal bar because it is a conductor. The next unit will be on light and sound waves. This is our last physical science unit. In the waves unit students will have the opportunity to work through a sound stations lab, dissect a sheep eye, and see some light demonstrations. The waves unit is expected to carry us up to winter break.



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REMINDERS:

- We are a uniform school. Navy or khaki (not black) pants and navy or white collared shirts are required. No slides or slippers allowed. Thank you for your help and support.
- Please help your student remember to charge and bring their chromebook to school daily, once issued.
- Cell phones must be turned off and put away. If a cell phone is found in use, it will be turned in to the office for later pickup. If a student becomes a repeat offender, that cell phone will require parent pickup from the office.
- Hoodies should not be worn inside the school building. It is a safety concern if hoods are worn inside the school building.
- We love to recognize positive behaviors by nominating Students of the Month as well as issuing WOW cards that can earn students prizes in Friday drawings. Any donations of sweets or treats for the Friday drawings would be greatly appreciated!
- Online incentive trackers promote and recognize positive behaviors throughout Kennedy Middle School. We have a shared and consistent plan for ALL students. It gives students a chance to change behaviors that earn demerits. Students may receive demerits on the incentive tracker for a variety of reasons (Tardy, Disrespect, Disengaged and Forbidden Items). Students will also have the opportunity to fix mistakes with a Redemption Card. Redemption Cards can be given by homeroom teachers which will track a student's behavior for a day to remove a demerit. A low number of demerits will earn students the entry to an incentive reward at the end of the four-week period.
- Students are issued a monthly bathroom pass for emergency restroom use. Students must keep track of this bathroom pass. (These passes are in addition to students having the ability daily to use the bathroom during homeroom, lunch, and elective periods.) New passes came out Monday, October 30th.
- Please don't hesitate to contact teachers using ParentSquare or email with any questions or concerns.