



Troopers Team Newsletter December 14, 2019

It is your time to SHINE
In your UGLIEST Holiday Sweater
Wear yours on
Wednesday, December 18th

AFMS and PTSA Info:

December 20th—School is in session
(weather makeup day)

****For all PTSA information (membership, fundraising, events, & more) please visit their website: www.afmsptsa.org**

ELA/Gabbard:

We had a busy ELA week working on our Adversity Essay Project. Students have been working hard to plan their papers and get them ready to turn in. We will be visiting the Media Center on Monday and finishing class time for essays on Tuesday. We plan to start reading our new book this week and the students have good background knowledge about The Middle Ages at this point. I am really proud of the students for working so hard and finishing up strong before Winter Break.

Enjoy the upcoming break and I'll write next in the New Year!

Mrs. Gabbard

Outer Banks Field Trip Payment is due Thursday, December 19th

Please let Mrs. Rabb know BEFORE December 19th if your child is NOT going on the field trip. We are finalizing our numbers for the tour company. Thank you!

Our 6th grade field trip will be Tuesday, April 21, 2020, to the Outer Banks of NC! **The information packet is on the team website.**

Cost: \$95 per student or chaperone

Payment plans:

- You may pay in full by December 19th
--OR--
- You may pay \$45 on December 19th and \$50 on February 28th

You may pay online or send checks/cash into MRS. RABB (room 1113). Interested in chaperoning?! Let Mrs. Rabb know that as well.

Social Studies/Rabb:

Our study of the Indus Valley Civilization has begun and is going well. As with all our river valley civilizations, we have focused on the importance of geography in the development of this area. We also learned about the two major cities in early India—Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro. These cities disappeared mysteriously, and we discussed possible answers for their demise. One of those theories included invasion by a nomadic group from the north, the Aryans. The Aryans brought with them the Vedas, the caste system, and the beginnings of Hinduism.

This coming week we will learn more about both Hinduism and the caste system. We will also talk briefly about the origins of Buddhism. **The QUIZ on this material will be Friday, December 20th.**

Upcoming Information:

2nd Quarter Extra Credit—Current Event is posted in Google Classroom

1st semester midterm – Thursday, January 9th
(study guide will go home this week)

Math/Figueroa:

EOG 3 is due this Monday December 16th. Unit 5 Test will be giving to Core 3 and 4 on December 17th and Unit 4 Test will be giving to Core 1 and 2 December 19th. Not much happening this week. Have a good weekend.

Science/Hipps:**Catch A Wave**

Yes this is the week! On Thursday or Friday our much anticipated cow eye dissection lab..."I Only Have Eyes For Moo." The students never think the title of our lab is as funny as I think it is: (. I have been showing the eyes to students this past week, and will continue to show students all this week. From past experience I have found that this desensitizes students and they are more able to enjoy the lab. This ends up being a highlight of science for most students. By the time we dissect the eye, students will have working knowledge of the major parts of our eyes and how they work. Maybe this experience will launch some carriers into medical school:).

Spiral 3 Due TUESDAY 12/13**This Weeks Focus Questions:**

1. What is the EM Spectrum?
2. What is color?
3. What are the parts of our eye and how do those parts work?
4. What parts of our eye refract light?

Waves Key Questions:

- What is a wave?
- What do all waves have in common?
- What is the relationship between frequency and wavelength?
- How are mechanical and electromagnetic waves different?
- What determines the energy in a mechanical wave?
- What determines the energy in an electromagnetic wave?
- How does the human eye respond to light allowing us to see?
- Why does an apple look red?
- What is it exactly, that makes one EM wave different form another?

Science Rocks, Mr. Hipps