

Mr. Kinder and Miss Dershin's Class Newsletter: January 18-21, 2022

1. There is no school on Monday, due to Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.
2. The students will complete MAPS testing in Reading and Math. Due to the time required to complete testing, and no school on Monday, we will skip Journeys lesson 16 and proceed to lesson 17 next week.
3. The students are encouraged to participate in the Science Fair. All participants will earn 10% extra credit (a full letter grade) in Writing and Science. Math will be included if the project involved extensive calculations. Please visit the Science Fair website for ideas and resources: www.wolfpups.org/science-fair.html
 - Visit the Noel Wein Library on Saturday, January 29th, 10 AM to 2 PM, for help with the Science Fair.
4. We are planning several fun field trips. Please return the field trip permission slip ASAP. To participate in field trips the students can't have any failing grades or recent discipline referrals.
 - Our first field trip will be to Herring Auditorium on January 28th for a ukulele concert.
5. Please regularly check your child's grades in PowerSchool. The students began the quarter with a fresh start and, already, several students have multiple missing assignments. Please ensure that your child promptly makes up missing and incomplete work. Thank you.
6. Math tutorial is held every Thursday morning from 8:30 to 9:15 in room 16.

Classes and Assignments

1. Math

We'll continue unit 4 and cover lesson 17: Understanding Percents.

The students are encouraged to regularly practice their Math skills via the i-Ready website, "My Path." .

The students need to study their multiplication facts daily, until they demonstrate mastery.

2. Language Arts

The students will complete MAPS testing and continue working on their quarter-long projects. The Biography students are reading their biographies. The World Tour students are researching world sites, completing their weekly documentation log, and completing their individual journal entry.

3. Reading

We are reading and discussing Agatha Christie's most famous murder mystery novel, And Then There Were None. Please do NOT allow your child to read the novel at home or look up who is the murderer.

4. Science (Mrs. Cowan)

Mrs. Cowan is teaching the students about Gravity. The students will complete Gravity labs.

5. Social Studies (Mr. Kinder and Miss Dershin)

We're studying ancient China. We'll cover chapter 11, lessons 3-4, and watch videos on ancient China.