

# Mr. Kinder and Miss Dershin's Class Newsletter: January 24-28, 2022

1. On Friday we sent home current grades and MAPS scores. Please sign and return the grade sheet. Please review your child's winter MAPS scores. Please let us know if you have any questions.
2. 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](http://www.wolfpups.org/science-fair.html)
  - Visit the Noel Wein Library on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to 2 PM, for help with the Science Fair.
3. We will visit Herring Auditorium for a field trip (ukulele concert) on Friday.
  - To participate in field trips the students can't have any failing grades or recent discipline referrals.
4. 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.
5. 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 18: Using Percents. There will be an open notes test on Thursday. 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**

We will cover lesson 17 in Journeys. The topic is Ancient China. The stories are "The Emperor's Silent Army" and Ancient China: Visual Arts. The main grammar lesson is on indefinite pronouns. The spelling words are visible, enjoyable, celebrate, incredible, horrible, desperate, cooperate, valuable, appreciate, considerate, audible, delicate, washable, graduate, capable, miserable, sensible, fortunate, noticeable, responsible. The challenge words are evacuate, irritable, exaggerate, improbable, and elaborate. The high frequency words are always, believe, early, guess, laugh, most, off, saw, show, wash.

The Biography Project students should be done reading their books and begin working on their Google Slides presentation. The World Tour students are continuing to complete their Weekly Documentation and journals.

### **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)**

We will continue with Gravity, Newton's Laws, and perform some labs.

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

We're studying ancient China. We'll read and discuss Kids Discovery: Ancient China magazine and answer questions. There will be an open notes quiz on China.