



Weekly Parent Update for 6th Grade

Week of: September 11-15, 2023

Greetings Families: Below you will find topics and assessments/projects in each content area from the week, as well as some important dates that you should be aware of. Smaller daily assignments may be assigned and communicated to students, during class or on myMCPS classroom.

Dates:

Friday, September 22	Early Release Day
Monday, September 25	No School

	English								
Course Name	Advanced English 6 Academic Vocabulary Q1-4 Linked				EML	Read 180	Dig. Lit. ~ Creative Writing	Academic Literacy	Greek Mythology
Teacher Name	Ghaman	Lee	Daley	Byrd	Francis	Smith	Smith/Byrd	Hill	Hill
Topic	This week, students began their first novel, Gary Paulsen's <i>Hatchet</i> . They began by exploring the book's exposition and plotting its narrative arc. Additionally, students learned the skill of citing textual evidence by engaging with guided reading				See below.	Identifying the steps used to find the topic, main	This week, students edited, revised, and	Using the iLit Interactive Reader to receive	Identifying parts of the hero myth through the labors of



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	questions, both in the context of the novel and a non-fiction reading.		idea, and details in a text.	published their group stories.	feedback	Heracles
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	English Language Development		
Course Name	English 6 for ELs 1	English 6 for ELs 2	English 6 for ELs 3
Teacher Name	Francis	Francis	Francis
Topics Covered	Students were assessed on prepositions of location - classroom commands, classroom objects and ordinal numbers. Students began learning simple present tense.	Students were assessed on prepositions of location - classroom commands, classroom objects and ordinal numbers. Students began learning simple present tense.	Students were introduced to annotating texts to aid in comprehending a short story "Eleven."

	Math
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Course Name	Math 180	Math 6		AMP 6+	AIM 6			
Teacher Name	Cacho	Reina	Watkins	Simoncic	Simoncic	Leffler	Reina	Perlson
Topic	Students reflected on the growth mindset and how to be successful in math class.	This week, students studied Parallelograms, identified their bases and heights, and found their areas!		This week, students calculated the surface area of rectangular prisms and nets of 3-dimensional figures.	This week, students explored angle vocabulary and properties.			

Course Name	Introduction Earth Science		
Teacher Name	Lutchenkov	Sadeghi	Sandford
Topic	Scientific Method - Biotic/Abiotic Factors - Intro Into Watersheds Graded assignment: FA Temperature's Effect on a Chemical Reaction Lab		

	Social Studies			
Course Name	World Studies		Global Humanities	
Teacher Name	Haag	Jasti Currie	Steimer	Steimer



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Topic	<p>At the start of this week we focused on building an understanding of time measurement and chronology and practiced using timelines. By the end of the week, we started applying those skills to the prehistoric era as we begin to examine early human migration. Students also completed their first quiz which covered maps and timelines. This quiz is retakeable, but students must complete their teacher's Google Retake Form.</p>	<p>At the start of this week we focused on building an understanding of time measurement and chronology and practiced using timelines. By the end of the week, we started applying those skills to the prehistoric era as we begin to examine early human migration. Students also completed their first quiz which covered maps and timelines. This quiz is retakeable, but students must complete the Google Retake Form (posted at the top of Canvas Modules) by 9/20 to be eligible to retake the quiz.</p>
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	World Languages			
Course Name	Spanish FY 1A			French FY 1A
Teacher Name	Bonatesta	Ranaweera	Puleo	Bonatesta
Topic	Greetings, Farewells, and Tú vs. Usted			Cognates and False Cognates

	Health and Physical Education	
Course Name	Health	<u>PE</u>



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Topic	Health Triangle	Badminton, Disc Golf, Street Hockey, Volleyball, Scooter Games
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	Electives		
Course Name	Art Vocabulary	Engineering Design & Modeling	Coding 6
Teacher Name	Stentz	Paul-Philips	Tin
Topic	Favorite Dessert Project due Tuesday Intro to Clay Tuesday and Wednesday Pinch Lantern Project Introduction	P3 - working on kites P6 - completed and flew their kites	

	Music Electives		
Course Name	Chorus Vocabulary	Orchestra Vocabulary	Band Vocabulary
Teacher Name	McFeaters	Hepburn	Hepburn
Topic	Singing with solfege and the	Tuning A String and D String	Foundation Warm-Up #1



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	handsigns. Dichords and Trichords, as well as "Alfred".	Playing Assessment Pages 4-5 Essential Elements on 9/18	Playing Assessment Measure 1-9 Playing Assessment on 9/18
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SSL (Student Service Learning)

See message below:)



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Dear NBMS Community,

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Ms. Carla Abreu Jurewicz. I am a special education teacher at North Bethesda Middle School (NBMS). During my duty day, my primary responsibilities include special education case management, teaching a Resource class, and co-teaching English 6 and Science 6. I am also the NBMS Student Service Learning (SSL) coordinator. SSL Coordinator is a stipend position, therefore, not part of my duty day. That being said my plans concerning SSL are the following:

- Until September 29, 2023 (service completed over the summer documentation due date)-I will collect summer and September SSL Verification forms.
 - Students may turn in a hard copy of the SSL Verification form(s) to the Counseling Office or send a picture via email to Carla.A.Jurewicz@mcpsmd.net
 - Students should keep an electronic or hard copy of their SSL Verification form(s) for their records
- I am going to attend the MCPS SSL 2023-2024 school year training in September
 - Stay tuned for updates
- On September 30, 2023-I will begin processing completed SSL Verification forms and replying to SSL emails
 - Depending on the number of SSL Verification forms submitted, it may take about two weeks after September 30, 2023, for forms to be processed
- On September 30, 2023-I will begin returning hard copies of incomplete SSL Verification forms to students
 - Forms need to be completely filled out in order to be processed
- By mid-October-I will announce that all completed SSL forms have been processed and students should verify their hours



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○ If there are any issues with SSL hours, etc...we have until November 1, 2023, to resolve any issues Thank you for your patience and understanding as I concentrate on transitioning the students on my caseload, the students in my classes, and their families to 6th grade! In the meantime, please read the => [SSL Information and FAQ flyer](#); hard copies are available in the Counseling Office, and your student should have received one in homeroom.

For SSL forms, guidelines, resources, and much more click on the MCPS SSL Hub => <https://bit.ly/SSLHubMCPS>

Dear Students,

Please check your StudentID@mcpsmd.net Gmail account daily for SSL emails (and of course other important emails).

All students should check their SSL hours, step-by-step directions for checking SSL hours => <https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE>

In late October, email Ms. Jurewicz with any issues at => Carla.A.Jurewicz@mcpsmd.net



*****Students and adults please join the NBMS SSL MyMCPS Classroom to receive SSL information specific to NBMS. Link => <https://mcpsmd.instructure.com/enroll/FC6DG7> *****

Please share this link with students, family, and friends.



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