



Trail Blazer News



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Expedition

This week we are about to embark on a simulation titled, *Discovery*. The hardships and excitement experienced by early American colonists will be recreated in our base camps for the next few weeks. Students will learn why colonists came to North America from Europe and learn why geography, natural resources, and nature are so important to colonizing settlers.

Math

5th Grade – We have begun the Prime Time text investigating prime and composite numbers, along with factors and multiples. To gain a strong understanding of this unit, it will be imperative that your child knows their multiplication facts (1-12) well.

6th Grade – Students are preparing math games using the skills learned in, *How Likely Is It?*, and *Stretching and Shrinking*. Our math games will be featured in our math fair on Thursday.

Writing

We are focusing on the writing trait of word choice. Students will practice identifying and practice using juicy, descriptive words this week. A short piece using juicy words to describe their skiing experience will be finished up.

Reading

This week students are working on a Literary Elements project to get prepared for our upcoming Book Clubs, as well as, remind us of the important devices employed in Literature.



Upcoming Events

This week look for Mid-Term reports to come home and be signed.

February 26th – Math Night at 5:00-6:30pm – Be sure to come for the fun!

March 4th – Early Release for Teacher Collaboration.

March 6th – Snowshoeing Adventure (Smith & Williams Base Camps).

March 11th - Early Release for Teacher Collaboration.

March 13th – Summit School Auction – be sure to buy your tickets early.

March 20-27th - Elementary School Conferences.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary terms this week: **irony, simile, alliteration, exaggeration, figurative language, dialogue, personification, humor, metaphor, imagery, onomatopoeia, and hyperbole.**

Spelling

Look for weekly spelling words to come home and be practiced. Tests will be on Thursday or Friday. Any questions please contact your child's base camp teacher.

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Remember -it is not too late to make donations, and to return the registration form ASAP!!