



Trail Blazer News



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Expedition

Focus on the scientific method will continue this week. Students will be working on Investigations pertaining to water density and flow rate. Please send empty 2 liter plastic bottles by Thursday morning.



Literacy

Reading – We are continuing to focus on the comprehension reading strategy, *Determining Importance*. Being able to pick out the main ideas and highlight only the important pieces of a reading selection is essential. Students will have an assessment at the end of the week. Look for reading logs to come home and be signed weekly – ask your students about their reading

Writing –The writing Trait of Ideas is still being explored. Students have been doing exercises in elaboration and narrowing their focus. An assessment will follow at the end of the week

Spelling/Vocabulary

We are continuing to develop last weeks vocabulary terms - they are: **atom, attract, change, compound, element, electron, proton, neutron, and nucleus.** They will have a quiz this week. Look for weekly spelling words to come home and be practiced. Tests will be on Thursday this week.



Math

6th Grade – Investigation 4 has students adding and subtracting fractions. Students will develop strategies and reinforce understandings of the equivalence in fractions as well as adding and subtracting. Some students are working on individual projects.

5th Grade –We continue our study of shapes and sizes, further exploring how various polygons fit together. If your child is a 5th grade grader, notice how they are learning which shapes tile a surface and those that do not. To help your child at home please work on their speed and knowledge of the multiplication table through 12. Flash cards are a great tool and just 15 minutes a night can make a huge difference!



In the News...

First Peak Assembly is coming up on Thursday, October 9th. Parents are always welcome.

Friday 10/09 - Learning Improvement Day - NO SCHOOL

80's dress-up day is on Oct. 17th - Please no face paint or hair color.

Thank you for your support of our Ecology Fair! It was a great success and exciting for the students to share their learning.

REMINDERS

~Wednesday, October 8th is early release for collaboration.

~Healthy Youth Survey will be given to all 6th graders the week of Oct. 13th. Parents are welcome to view this prior to the survey if they wish. Any questions please see Janet McDonald, school counselor at 228-4261.