

SMS Grade 6

Newsletter

October 14, 2022



Take a look to see what we've been working on this week!

<p style="text-align: center;">Social Studies: Mr. Codair</p> <p>This week we began working on our mapping skills. We learned about latitude, longitude, and how to find coordinates. We learned about the hemispheres of the world and how to identify them. Moving forward we are going to be talking about how to identify places of the world using coordinates, and begin our focus on world cultures. Powerschool has been recently updated as well so make sure to take a look!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Language Arts: Mrs. Dowe</p> <p>This week students finalized their email drafts and sent them to the 6th-grade team, sharing their strengths, areas in need of improvement, learning styles, and interests. Students began writing about a product they enjoy using and gathering company information to prepare to send letters sharing their persuasive writing piece with the company. Students also worked on a reflective writing piece using what we learned during ecology school to see what we can do to improve the future health of our planet after watching <i>Wall-E</i>. Next week we will begin reading <i>The Giver</i> and finish sharing our perfect societies!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Math: Mr. Felch</p> <p>This week in math, students continued working on ratios and learning about solving problems using ratio tables.</p> <p>Students are continuing to work on 2-digit multiplication, as this is a skill students should be proficient in by the end of 6th grade. If you are looking for a way to support your student in math, this would be perfect and very much appreciated!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Library Media: Mrs. Harter</p> <p>Students continued this week with the CoderZ Amazon Cyber Robotics Challenge! As they were tasked with programming the Amazon Hercules Robot to help process orders in the Amazon Fulfillment Center. students applied the coding skills they learned and took it to the next level with timed challenges. They learned there are multiple ways to complete a task, but speed matters in the Fulfillment Center. Ask your child about CoderZ!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science: Mrs. Hopkins</p> <p>This week we used Spongebob as a learning tool! We watched different clips that represented different types of symbiotic relationships. Students had to explain what relationship each represented using their completed notes as a resource. Students also got their vocab summative passed back and it can be found in their science notebook. Please check Powerschool for grades!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Special Education Case Manager: Ms. Zammer</p> <p>Please know that I am available to help all students and I regularly consult with the team of teachers. Feel free to contact me anytime.</p>

Reminders:

- **Parent-teacher conferences will be held on October 19th & 20th.**
- **Red Ribbon Week Oct. 24-28th**
 - **Monday:** Wear red
 - **Tuesday:** Wear your favorite jeans
 - **Wednesday:** PJ day
 - **Thursday:** SMS pride! Wear school colors or gear!
 - **Friday:** Costume day! Wear your Halloween costume. No full face-covering masks! Costume contest during RAM assembly.

At-Home Conversation Starters you can ask your kids:

- Share some information about the book you are currently reading.
- What were some of your observations of the Earth in the movie Wall-E?
- What are some of the things we can do now to protect the health of our planet?
- How many minutes do you have on your reading log? (students should have at least 280 minutes today).
- Share a success that you had this week.
- Who is your favorite author?
- Where and when do you plan on doing your homework for math?
- What is required each day for math class? (A PENCIL)
- How do the 5 themes of geography apply to your daily life?
- Can you use these themes to decipher different regions of the world?
- What kind of symbiotic relationships exist in an ecosystem?
- A clownfish and a sea anemone is an example of what type of symbiotic relationship? (mutualism)
- What is CoderZ?

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