

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dec. 19th - Jan. 6th, 2016

Mrs. Forney's 6th grade

Math: Expect a quiz on Monday over lessons 5.1-5.4. We will then work with more rates on Tuesday. Wednesday is our all school movie day!

After the first of the year, we will continue with Chapter 5 which will cover percents. Happy holidays and enjoy your time with your family!

Science: After the break, we will move on to plate tectonics.

World History: Next week, we will continue studying winter holidays, with a focus on Christmas, Kwanzaa, and Hannukah.

Once we return to school in the new year, we will begin Unit 3, Western Civilizations and will begin Ch. 8 "The Ancient Greeks". Our chapter will culminate with our Greek Day where we will eat Greek food and will present research projects.

English: We will focus our studies on Greek Mythology. We will read from our Collections textbook, watch various videos, and will connect what we learn to our World History lessons on Ancient Greece.

Reading: By the time we return to school in the new year, students should be at least halfway finished with their Reading Circle goals for the year (11 out of 22 books). Several students have books they need to continue reading independently over Christmas break to work toward finishing their 22 books required for Reading Circle. PLEASE use the break to keep up with these goals!

Book Orders: Scholastic Book Club order forms will be sent home monthly. Our class receives free books with your purchase! You can pay by check or online. Our class online code is: PB336.

**When students have forgotten their pencils, paper, etc, I have been providing supplies for them. Parents, during our holiday break, I would appreciate it if you could please check with your child to make sure they have enough pencils, paper, markers, scissors, calculator, etc. for the rest of the school year.

***Secret Santa Gift Exchange & Donation Collection for the Noyes Home for Children: The 6th grade students have decided to exchange gifts with a Secret Santa for 3 days (Dec. 16th, 19th, & 20th) AND donate new or gently used items to children being housed at the Noyes Home in St. Joseph. Please refer to the information paper Mrs. Forney sent home on Dec. 1st. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Forney.

WOW!!! Thank you SO much for the generous donations the students have been bringing in for the children at the Noyes Home! We've got clothing, Pull-Ups, toys, etc. in our growing pile of donations under the classroom Christmas tree! The kids have been very gracious givers and it has truly made my heart happy to see them giving so freely. Thank you, parents for all of YOUR help as you cleaned out closets and approved items to donate from your homes!!!

****We've been really working hard reviewing The Essential 55. A list of all of the rules we've reviewed so far is attached to this newsletter. Please look these over as a family. Parents, please encourage your child to continue these rules at home. ☺

*****ACES PTO NEEDS YOU! PTO bridges the gap between school and home. They provide funds that help send your children on amazing field trips and that help purchase new items to improve your child's classrooms. Many parents have bought memberships for our school PTO, but attendance at meetings is extremely low. Being a member is not enough. Please make it a point to attend meetings and events. Your presence and input make a difference! Our next meeting is Jan. 3 at 7PM. Children are allowed to sit quietly with parents during the meetings, which usually last around 30 min. or so.

A Christmas Gigue:

Where do snowmen keep their
money?

In a snowbank!

Dates to Remember:

12/16, 12/19, 12/20: 6th grade Secret Santa! Bring your Secret Santa his/her gift each day. Do not get caught delivering! Be creative! Ask Mrs. Forney for help if needed! Have fun!!

12/20: Christmas parties in the classrooms! 2:30pm-3pm- At this point, we do not have a parent signed up to run the Christmas party. Please contact Mrs. Forney if you are able to help! Thank you!

Angie Beam- School Snack

Elizabeth Andrews- Take Home Treats

Rebekah Abar- Drinks/Plates/Napkins

12/21: Early Release @ 12:50pm

1/3/2017: Happy 2017! School Resumes. Begin 3rd Quarter.

1/3: PTO meeting @ 7PM

1/5: Mrs. Forney has a sub.

1/5: Guest Speaker in the gym for middle schoolers @ 2:40PM

1/6: Book Mobile

1/9: Middle School Book Club

1/10: Jr. High Scholar Bowl Meet @ Ave City @ 4PM

1/16: NO SCHOOL

1/17: Jr. High Scholar Bowl @ Union Star @ 4PM

1/20: Spelling Bee

1/24: Jr. High Scholar Bowl @ St. Paul Lutheran @ 4PM

1/26: Electricity Safety Assembly @ 2PM

1/31: Jr. High Scholar Bowl

