



Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Mrs. Forney's 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Math:** Expect to work with GCF and LCM next week. Expect a quiz on Friday over lessons 1.4-1.6. Please take the practice quiz on-line (click on quiz, then progress check on the left side). You may also take the on-line test to practice as well. Practice makes perfect!

**Science:** We should be able to finish gathering the information to solve our mystery next week. Students will have to put on their thinking caps for this one!

**World History:** We will study the Earth's climate and vegetation. Expect a test over Chapter 1 at the end of the week.

**English:** We will continue Collection 5 from our textbook. We will focus on nonfiction, mood, setting, and finding textual evidence of these within our readings.

**Reading:** Your Reading Test scores were sent home last week. We will use these scores to help you pick out books that are on or slightly above your reading abilities. You need to be reading their independent reading books at home & in class at appropriate times. You are required to read 14 fiction books & 8 nonfiction books & pass their AR book quizzes over each book this school year. I will check in about once a week to see how you are doing as you work to meet this goal. It is your responsibility to bring a book to read to your classes & home to continue to work toward your Reading Circle goal.

**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: PB33G. You can order online anytime! Please be aware that the book orders are now for 6<sup>th</sup> graders/middle schoolers and thus the content is geared toward older children. PLEASE preview the titles you are interested in before purchasing to make sure their content matches what your family thinks may be appropriate.

**Book It!:** The Pizza Hut Book It pizza incentive program will begin in October. Students will need to

meet our monthly AR Quiz/book report expectation to be able to earn a Book It! Pizza.

**D.A.R.E.:** Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> was our first D.A.R.E. class & I thought it went very well! I can tell you're going to learn a lot! Once we receive our t-shirts, be sure to wear them each day we have D.A.R.E. class! Be sure to talk to your parents about how D.A.R.E. class is going and discuss any topics further with them. Your parents are your number one resource when it comes to advice as to how you should handle peer pressure & make good choices, so communicate with them!

**Parents:** We have discussed in class about how to better communicate with you. This is the beginning of some very wonderful years for your preteen, so be patient with your child, provide lots of hugs and positivity. Keep the communication going by offering advice when needed, but more importantly by being a good listener. You are laying the groundwork now for how they will trust you and communicate with you in their teens, so make time to make your child feel heard. You've got this!

**Royals Stadium Field Trip:** Please bring your \$11.50 to Mrs. Forney no later than September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PTO: Tuesday's meeting/Ice Cream Social had a huge turnout! Thank you to those of you who were able to come! Our PTO has great plans for our school and your support is so appreciated! In the "Dates to Remember" section of this newsletter you will see information on our PTO Fall Fest! More info. to come! Please volunteer for this event if possible!**

6<sup>th</sup> graders: I am so proud of you for putting on a very successful canned food drive! You are heroes to people who needed your help. You should be proud! Thank you also for your help in preparing for our Patriot Day ceremony. I can tell you really took all of our talks of heroism, pride in our country, and 9/11 to

heart. Keep letting your amazing hearts shine with love for the world to see!!!



### ~Dates to Remember:

9/12: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr. Book Club- 3:15- 4:30pm

9/14: School Picture Day

9/15: D.A.R.E. class

9/16: Progress reports go home

9/19: ACES Middle School basketball begins (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

9/21: Field Trip to Royals Stadium/Negro Leagues Baseball Museum/American Jazz Museum- Leave at 8:30am and return about 5pm. Unfortunately, after calling Royals Stadium, their policy strictly limits the number of adults, thus we will only be taking Mrs. Sigrist, Mrs. Rowland, and myself. My apologies to all of the parents who wanted to join us.

9/22: D.A.R.E. class

9/28: Meet/Pray at the Pole- 7:45am. Sponsored by ACES PTO (in front of the school by the flag pole)

9/29: D.A.R.E. class

10/4: PTO meeting- 7pm

10/6: D.A.R.E. class

10/8: PTO Fall Fun Fest!!! More details will be coming, but we will need your (& your parents'!) help! This will be a fun family event that is not about making money, but is more about having fun together as a school family! We hope you can come & possibly help out at this great event!

10/14: No school! Staff professional development

10/15: ACES Flea Market

10/17: ACES Basketball @ North Andrew- 6pm

10/20: Early Release @12:50pm

10/20: Parent/Teacher Conferences- 1pm -8am

10/20: ACES Basketball Home vs. Union Star

10/21: No School

### Field Trip- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>:

Grades 6-8 will be attending Body Worlds and The Life Cycle of Life on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Union Station in KC. We will leave at 8:45am and return before the end of school. Please send a DISPOSABLE sack lunch and drink.

Dr. Gunther von Hagens' BODY WORLDS & The Cycle of Life is a world-class, educational exhibition revealing the human body's transformation through time. View more than 100 human specimens preserved through the remarkable process of Plastination, and see firsthand how the choices we make each day impact our incredible bodies – at work, at play, in health and in illness.