



71 Ways to Succeed!



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Mathematics

During math this month, we began one and two step equations. One step equations were fairly easy, after you understand the problems. The key is to do the inverse, or opposite, operation. One way to study, which might be of help, is picking up extra worksheets. An example of a one step equation is: $w - 2 = -2$. To solve this, you would add 2 to both sides of the equation, since there is subtraction. The solution would be $w = 0$. This is just one example of a problem we were recently quizzed on.

We also started two step equations. An example is: $5a + 2 = 27$. For this, you would subtract 2 from both sides of the equation. Next, you would divide both sides by 5. Therefore, the solution would be $a = 5$. Recently, we started word problems that have to do with two step equations. A few of them are a bit challenging. At the end of December will be having quiz on two step equations.

Reading

In Reading, we have just finished our unit on The Call of the Wild. We then began a short unit involving Charles Dickens's famous work A Christmas Carol. Before we read the play, we participated in a webquest project. The webquest was a scavenger hunt in which we had to research various elements of the Victorian Era including: The Poor Law, The Treadmill, Victorian recipes, Victorian games, Tiny Tim's disease, the whereabouts of the Cratchit home, and the cost of a holiday dinner. Having this background information made the reading more meaningful. Finally, we watched the theatrical version of the story on the half day before the holiday break. When we return after the break, we will be beginning our Holocaust literature circle unit.

Language Arts

During the month of December, we began the Narrative Writing Unit in Language Arts. We began by learning how to identify and develop each element of narrative writing. When writing about the setting and characters, we want to use descriptive details to make the reader really "see" or visualize our scene and characters. When developing characters for our stories, we want to make the reader picture what each character looks like, but more importantly, get to know the characters' personalities. We also learned how to write from both the 1st person and 3rd person point of views. Even though we just began this unit, we all look forward to letting our creativity shine through when writing our narratives.

Science

In Science this past month we did a lot of fun and exciting things. We learned about Chemistry and did a lot of fun labs on it. We also used microscopes and microviewers to observe cells which had to be the best. We observed onion and cheek cells. Some of us had no idea what a cheek cell was until we came into science that day. Then we also dissected an earthworm. It was kind of disgusting, but it was also cool to learn about all of the organs. These are just a few of the fun and exciting things we did in science.

Social Studies

In Social Studies we are learning about India. There are many geographical features there, such as the Ganges River and the Himalaya Mountains. The Ganges River supplies India with very fertile farming land. On the other hand, land by the Himalayas is frozen!

The two major religions started in India are Hinduism and Buddhism. Hinduism has three main gods: Brahma (The Creator), Shiva, (The Destroyer), and Vishnu (The Preserver). Buddhism is mostly about finding happiness. Siddhartha was the first to start Buddhism. They don't have real gods.

EMS Gives Back

Eisenhower Middle School did a lot of giving back in the month of December! Our students donated toys for the Toys for Tots drive. These toys will be given to children who, otherwise, would not be receiving any during the holiday season.

Students also continued donating various items for the Unity Baskets to be raffled off on Unity Night. The Basket themes for Team 7-1 are "Relaxation" and "Movie Night."

Members of Eisenhower Middle School Student Council also visited a nursing home to spread holiday cheer to the elderly members of our community. Our school has done a wonderful job giving back this month!

During the holiday season, there are many ways to help out people in the community who are in need. You can donate money, clothing, or toys to charity. You can also volunteer your time to help build homes, serve food at a soup kitchen, or visit the elderly. The holiday season is a time to think of those who are less fortunate. It is a time to not only receive gifts, but to give to others. Every one of us has something to offer. So think of what YOU can do to give back this year.

Upcoming Events:

Winter Recess

Thursday-Friday, December 24 – January 1

Twin Spirit Day

Friday, January 8

Night of Unity

Thursday, January 14

No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 18

Roxbury Day Spirit Day

Friday, January 22

PTA Dance

Friday, January 22

Second Marking Period Ends

Wednesday, January 27



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*Team 7-1 wishes everyone a
safe and wonderful holiday
break!*

Ways to Become a Better Student...

- 1. Make corrections to your work**
- 2. Increase your participation in class discussions**
- 3. Come for extra help**
- 4. Review your notes each night**
- 5. See your teachers when you are absent!**