

DECEMBER 2009

Team 7-2

December Newsletter

Eisenhower Middle School

SOCIAL STUDIES - MS. OLSZEWSKI

The month of December has been all about Ancient India! Students began the unit by studying the geography of India and discussing how physical features affect where people settle. Students then unlocked the secrets of the ancient city of Mohenjo-Daro! During a stations activity, students took on the roles of archaeologists and studied “artifacts” from several excavation sites in this mysterious ancient city.

We will conclude our unit on Ancient India with a Gallery Walk through Hinduism and a close look into the life of the Buddha, founder of Buddhism!



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Team Meeting Time:

M-F 10:30-10:55

LANGUAGE ARTS - MRS. MACONES

On January 14, the PTA and the Character Education Committee will be sponsoring “Unity Night” to bring together our schools, homes and community. As part of this special event, each team has been asked to create two baskets based on a theme. The themes for our team are party supplies and school supplies. Please help us make this effort a success by contributing toward our baskets. Items may be sent in to homerooms until January 6.

In Language Arts class, students have been studying the

elements of narrative writing and have been engaged in creating their own stories with well thought out plot development while using all of the components of good writing that have covered this year. In addition, they have provided the dialogue for a comic strip and colored it to reinforce the use of dialogue to move a story along.

I wish you the joys of the holiday season and peace in the New Year.



MATH - MRS. STUMPF

Written by Cierra Miller, 7th grade student

In Math 7, we are learning about the distributive property, variables, coefficient, and like terms. We have done a lot of worksheets for homework to help us understand how to combine like terms. We have had mini quizzes on the lessons we have learned. Currently, we are working on how to solve one-step questions. I think the lessons are fun to learn and are definitely challenging. Math class is something I look forward to. The lessons we are learning are really fun to learn.

Written by Sami Doganay, 7th grade student

In my Math class, we are learning about solving two-step equations, solving multi-step equations, and two-step equations using the reciprocal. These topics are pretty easy to understand, but not at first. It was kind of confusing. Now, I understand the topics very well.



MR. GRAZIANO'S READING CORNER

Facing a time in humanity, like the Holocaust, can be frightening; however, necessary. The students are finishing their Literature Circles, where they have been reading novels and selected poetry discussing in detail this tragedy. From here, we move to the adventure unit in the beginning of the

new year, 2010. I would like to wish everyone happy holidays and a very healthy new year.



MS. HILL'S TIP OF THE MONTH

TAKING NOTES

Taking notes is an important part of the school day. Teachers provide information for you in class so that you can learn various skills like making inferences and analyzing different types of information. Yet, the classroom is also designed so that you learn responsibility and organization. Having good class notes will help you to become a better learner, and remember more information when you need it for things like quizzes and tests.

Here are the three stages of note-taking and what you should do during each stage.

1. Get Ready to Take Notes (Before Class)

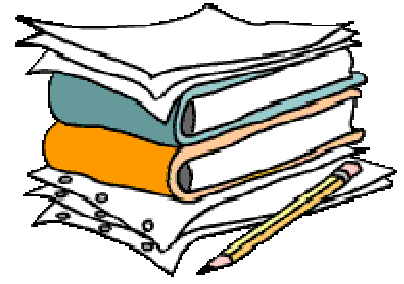
- Review your notes from the previous class session before you come to class (or before class begins once you are settled). This review will help you remember what was covered the previous day, and it will also get you ready to understand new information that your teacher provides.
- Complete all assigned readings or work before you come to class. Your teacher will expect that you have done this and will use the assigned work as a building block for other information. (continued on next page)

MS. HILL'S TIP CONTINUED

2. Take Notes (During Class) -

- Keep your attention focused on what your teacher is saying!!! Listen for "learning clues" that tell you that what your teacher is about to say is important to write in your notes. Examples of learning clues are "The most important point..." and "Remember that..." Be sure to include in your notes information that your teacher repeats or writes on the chalkboard.
- Write quickly so that you can include all the important information in your notes. Do this by writing abbreviated words such as "med" for medicine, using symbols such as % for percent, and writing short sentences.

- Place a question mark (?) next to information in your notes if you are unclear about the meaning or need more information.



3. Rewrite Your Notes (After Class) -

- Make your notes more accurate by answering any questions you had when writing your notes in class. Use your textbook or other handouts from class to obtain the information you need to answer your questions. If necessary, ask your teacher or other students for help.
- Check with other students to be sure you did not leave out important information.

SCIENCE - MRS. SWARD

Take a Look at Our Class Project on Botany Vs. Zoology !!

