



71 Ways to Succeed!



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Mathematics

In math we finished our long unit on equations and inequalities. We learned that you solve inequalities just as you would equations, except you flip the inequality symbol whenever you multiply or divide both sides of the inequality by a negative number. After this, we learned about functions and how to graph them. The x-values are known as the input or domain and the y-values are the output or range. After you make an input-output table you can graph the function. When it makes a straight line it means it is linear.



Reading

In Reading, we are just finishing our unit on the Holocaust. We were able to choose from 5 different novels and worked in literature circle groups. We were fortunate to have two Holocaust survivors come to school and speak to the whole 7th grade. We also participated in the Butterfly Project. Each of us received the biography of a person who lived during the Holocaust and decorated butterflies in their honor. We presented our biographies to the class and then our teacher told us whether our person survived the Holocaust or not. Last, we were surprised to learn that there are still people in the world today being killed because of their faith, race, or beliefs.

Language Arts

This month we got a new teacher, Ms. DiLello; since Mrs. Robortaccio had her baby. Ms. DiLello is very nice and has taught us a lot since she has been with us. During Language arts we are writing narrative essays that are like fairy tales, but we get to make it the way we want. We can add new characters and a new setting, but the plot must remain the same. It is very fun to write fairy tales the way you want, because it lets us be extra creative.

Science

The first month of the New Year went by quickly, as science 71 worked on many assignments. We had several tests, quizzes, and homework. Finishing a unit on cells in living things, we afterwards began a chapter on genetics. To most of us, genetics is very interesting, but complicated, too. All of us were trying hard to enhance our grades, because the marking period was ending, though it was tough after returning from our two week winter break.

Social Studies

This month we've been learning many interesting things in Social Studies. We started out with a small section covering the achievements of the Gupta Empire in India, and then we moved on to China. We learned all about the ancient dynasties, geographical features and different philosophies and religions. We did a lot of fun group activities and projects like making posters and excavating an ancient tomb! This marking period was very interesting; let's hope the next is just the same!

EMS Night of Unity

- On Unity Night family and friends from EMS united to better the township of Roxbury. People that attended were separated into four colored groups and were put with other people for interesting teambuilding activities. Also two bands from our own school performed for everyone. They played some songs everyone knows and also some of their own. To end a near perfect night, unity baskets were raffled with some really cool items inside. Unity Night was a fantastic night and I encourage people to go next year as well! Those who attended also got homework passes.

Teen Assistance Game TAG

- On January 26 United Way presented a program to seventh graders to help raise their awareness of various social issues and the social agencies which can help address them. This program helped shed light on serious issues such as domestic violence, substance abuse, pregnancy, eating disorders, and depression.

Ways to Become a Better Student...

1. Get organized for the start of the 3rd Marking Period!
2. Make sure each subject has its own binder or notebook
3. Make corrections to your work
4. Keep track of missing assignments
5. Do not let any assignments go uncompleted
6. Use Study Island to help prepare for the NJ ASK...only 3 months away!

Dates to Remember:

Report Cards

Tuesday, February 2

Spirit Day- Valentine's Color Day

Thursday, February 11

Lincoln's Birthday- No School for Students

Friday, February 12

President's Day- No School

Monday, February 15

Spirit Day- Mix-Match Day

Friday, February 26

HELP HAITI

The Builders Club has collected change from students for the last two weeks to help those who are suffering from the devastating earthquake that took place on January 12th. Please see how you can help out!

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