



71 Ways to Succeed!



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Mathematics

In math, we finished using integers with addition and subtraction. We have now started multiplying integers, along with using exponents. Miss Iacobino explained this lesson by referring to the Yankees as the negatives and the Boston Red Sox as the positives. If the problem was: $-5 \cdot 6$ the answer would be a -30 because the Yankees and the Red Sox would always have a disagreement, but the Yankees would always win, making the answer negative. We are all looking forward to doing division with integers very soon. Miss Iacobino is doing a great job teaching us this lesson.

Reading

Having completed our unit on Holes, we have just begun working in our Science-Fiction Literature Circles. At the beginning of this unit, students were able to choose the book they were most interested in reading. The choices were as follows: City of Masks, Z for Zachariah, Gathering Blue, Truesight, and The Giver. In each literature circle group, there are different roles that each student is responsible for. These include: Lit Circle Leader, Discussion Director, Time Keeper, Word Reporter, and Homework Assigner. So far, we are really enjoying this interesting unit.



Language Arts

During the month of October in Language Arts, we have learned many useful skills. We have written stories, worked on improving our grammar, learned how to properly structure a paragraph; but most importantly, we have written persuasive essays. We are learning how to write essays perfectly from beginning to end. We start with an attention grabber and thesis statement and end with a conclusion that will really make the reader think about what we've said. We are also working on choosing the right reasons and details to support our opinions. Without facts and examples, our essays would not be very convincing.

Science

In Science, we used two kinds of microscopes: the compound light microscope and the stereoscope. Under the microscope, we saw our fingerprints, arm hair, head hair, starfish, Chex cereal, and yarn. We also had many quizzes, some tests, and many worksheets. We studied different scientists and what they do or discovered. The fish feeder let other kids feed the fish and they all loved it.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, we learned about empires and civilizations, like Mesopotamia. We performed skits about the Babylonians, Assyrians, Akkadians, and Neo-Babylonians. After that, we started to learn about Egypt, the Pharaohs, and pyramids. Egypt has deserts all around it which gives it protection from invaders. It also has the Nile River which is plentiful with fish. The people traveled by felucca (boat). We have been learning from our book and the SMART board.

Veteran's Day

- Veteran's Day is all about honoring the United States Veterans. This day is very important because we honor the strong and brave men and women who served our country and worked hard to protect us and our freedom. At Eisenhower Middle School, we are honoring our veterans in a special way. We have a Veteran's "Wall of Fame" in the lobby with pictures of our cherished veterans. On November 11th, we will be having an assembly to celebrate Veteran's Day.
- Soon it will be Veteran's Day! To celebrate this holiday we are making stars with our friends and family's names that were or are in wars. These will be put up in the hallway for everyone to see. On November 11th we will be having an assembly where veterans will be coming to our school and talking to us about the history of this holiday and what war they served in. Let us all be thankful to those who have fought or are fighting for our country.

Ways to Become a Better Student...

1. Have a homework buddy to get work/notes from when you are absent!
2. Organize your notebook for 5-10 minutes each night and stay organized!
3. Have separate notebooks/binders for each subject.
4. Make up missed assignments as soon as possible.
5. Review your notes each night.

Parent/Teacher Conferences...

Conference slots are limited and scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please return the Conference Request Sheet as soon as possible! Conferences will be held Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 1-2:50 as well as on Tues. & Thurs. from 6-8:20!

Upcoming Events:

Election Day

Tuesday, November 5-6

Teacher's Convention- No School

Thursday-Friday, November 5-6

End of Marking Period 1/Veteran's Day Assembly

Wednesday, November 11

Bad/Crazy Hair Spirit Day

Friday, November 13

EMS Book Fair

Monday-Friday, November 16-20

Report Cards Distributed

Tuesday, November 17

Rachel's Challenge Assembly

Monday, November 23

Thanksgiving Break- No School

Wednesday (4 ½ hr. day)-Friday, Nov. 25-27

Conferences (Early Dismissal for Students)

Monday-Friday, Nov. 30- Dec.4

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