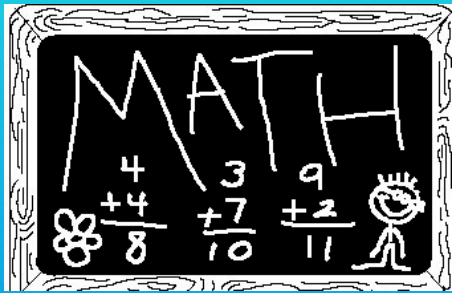
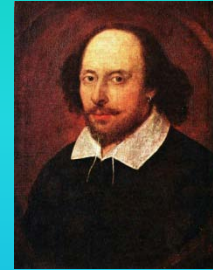


6th Grade 2009-2010

Language Arts: Ms. Hess



Mathematics: Ms. Mitchell

Social Studies: Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Pereira



Science: Mr. Gortzounian

Language Arts

6th Grade Language Arts is geared towards building and improving the reading, writing and thinking skills of your children.

READING/LITERATURE

- We will read one in-class FICTION novel each Unit. (A unit will last 4-6 weeks on average.)
- Students must have one NON-FICTION novel to be read throughout the day as well as at home. Non-Fiction novels do not need to be purchased, they can be borrowed from any public library. Students are expected to read at least one NON-FICTION novel each Marking Period for a total of at least FOUR for the year. Students will inform me (Ms. Hess) once they have completed the novel. A form will be given to the student to be completed. The student will receive credit for this novel ONLY after the form has been completed and returned.
- ❖ There will be a project for each novel.
- ❖ There will be a combination of quizzes, tests and writing assignments for each novel.

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READING

The FICTION novels to be read this year include:

- MANIAC MAGEE
- ESPERANZA RISING
- HOLES
- THE SKIN I'M IN
- THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM
- WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS
- WRINKLE IN TIME
- THE EGYPT GAME

WRITING

We will be focusing our writing skills to align with the state standards as well as prepare us for the rigorous NJ ASK exam. A specific writing style will be focused on during each unit.

- Narrative
- Persuasive
- Informative
- Letter Writing
- Speech Writing
- Explanatory Writing
- Open-ended Writing
- Creative Writing

Language Arts

VOCABULARY

6th grade students will be working with a challenging vocabulary workbook. This workbook is intended to enhance the reading and writing level of your child as well as instill words that will cross-over to other classes and the outside world as well. There will be both a QUIZ and a TEST for every unit. Please encourage your child to learn and use each word.

HOMEWORK

Home work is an important component of your child's daily lessons. Homework is expected the day it is due. Homework will be accepted up to one day late for partial credit.

In the case of a family emergency preventing your child from completing his or her homework, a note from a parent will be accepted until the child can make up the work. **A VERBAL EXCUSE FROM YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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EXTRA CREDIT

Extra Credit is not a part of the Language Arts curriculum. Your child is expected to complete all work and know exactly what is due when it is due. **THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR EXTRA CREDIT IS TO READ MORE THAN ONE NON-FICTION BOOK EACH MARKING PERIOD.** Please read the section titled Reading/Literature above for information regarding the expectations of the Non-Fiction book.

TEACHER'S NOTE

As your child's Language Arts teacher, I hope to instill in your child a lifelong love of reading and writing. Please feel free to contact me throughout the year with any questions and/or concerns.

Shellie Hess

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Mathematics

ACADEMICS

All grading will be based on the following:

Tests ~ 25%

Quizzes ~ 30%

Homework ~ 20%

Participation ~ 15%

Classwork ~ 10%

GRADING SCALE

A+ 100 – 97

A 96.9 – 93

A- 92.9 – 90

B+ 89.9 – 87

B 86.9 – 83

B- 82.9 – 80

C+ 79.9 – 77

C 76.9 – 73

C- 72.9 – 70

D 69.9 – 65

F Below 65

UNIFORM

All students must be in complete uniform everyday.

Rolling book bags are not allowed in school.

Sneakers are only allowed on Gym days.

Students will receive detention if uniform policy is not followed.

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BEHAVIOR

Parents/Guardians will be notified immediately.

1ST Violation Students will be given Detention/Phone call

2nd Violation Students will be given Detention/Phone call

3rd Students are issued a “Zero Day”

”Zero Day” – Parents Must accompany student to school the following morning.

RESPECT FOR SELF

I will always do my best

I will participate in all classroom activities

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

I will stay on task without distracting others

I will not use ‘put downs’ or harass others

I will respect other people’s differences and opinions

RESPECT FOR SCHOOL

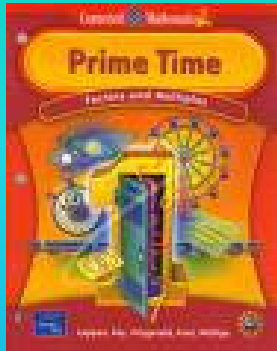
I will raise my hand to speak

I will enter and exit the room quietly

I will complete all assignments on time

I will actively listen when the teacher is speaking

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Prime Time
Factors and Multiples

Bits and Pieces I
Understanding Rational Numbers

Shapes and Designs
Two-Dimensional Geometry

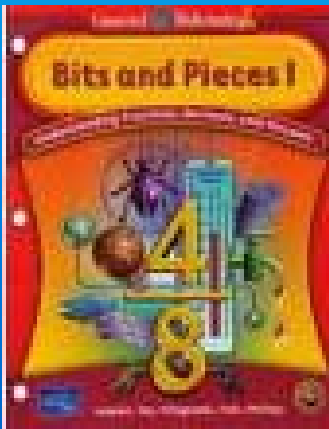
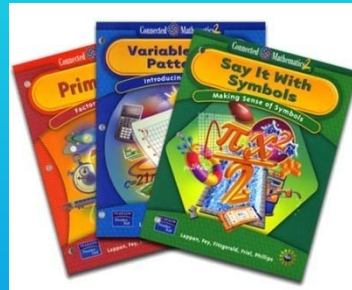
Bits and Pieces II
Understanding Fraction Operations

Covering and Surrounding
Two-Dimensional Measurement

Bits and Pieces III
Computing With Decimals and Percents

How Likely Is It?
Probability

Data About Us
Statistics



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USEFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.studyisland.com>

<http://www.phschool.com/> Enter web code: AMK – 0099

<http://www.aaamath.com/>

<http://www.coolmath.com/>

<http://www.mathcats.com/>

<http://www.mathplayground.com>

<http://www.aplusmath.com/>



Social Studies

- The 6th graders will focus their studies on Ancient Civilizations.
 - Test- 35%
 - Quizzes- 20%
 - Homework-20%
 - Class work- 25%
- Students must have a 1-1/2in binder for this class with dividers and pens and pencils.

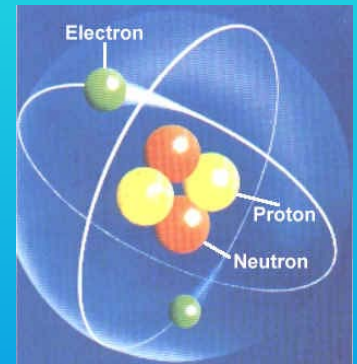


Science

Science is nothing more than Language Arts and Mathematics mixed together

Some of the topics that will be covered include:

- Basic structure of the atom
- Using SI units to determine measurements
- Explore what causes the movement of Earth's plates
- Learn about the theory of evolution
- Study the history of space exploration and the science behind it



Depending on student progress, a month-long, hands-on project might be undertaken at the end of the school year to apply some of the concepts we study.

All requirements in regards to behavior and homework are consistent with the expectations stated in previous slides.