

January 17, 2017

What is happening in Grade 6?

We are in our first full week of school since the holiday. I trust that you and your family shared a lot of great memories and are ready to get things rolling for second semester. As always, the Grade 6 team has a lot of wonderful things in store! I look forward in continuing to share what those are!



DISCOVERY

EQ: What allows a discovery to happen?

EQ: How are discovery and truth connected?

EQ: Why would a discovery not be accepted?

EQ: What makes us human?



Points of Interest:

- MAP results available on Parent Portal
- Birthday Celebrations: Jan. 20th (Jan. and Feb. celebrants)
- Powerschool Opens: January 25th (8 a.m.)
- Classroom Without Walls: Feb. 6th to 10th

Dear Parents,

All of your child's teachers have been feverishly finalizing their grades for first semester and writing report card comments, all of which will be for your viewing pleasure on Wed., Jan. 25th through Powerschool beginning at 8 a.m. In addition to this, I will have reported on your child's progress on the goals outlined in their Learning Support Plans. Those reports will be sent to you through email. Please note: A LOT of successes to be proud of and celebrate!

In Partnership,
Elaine Feliciano

SOLVE FOR X:

$$15 + 6x = 45 + 8x$$

$$15 + 6x = 45 + 8x$$

$$-6x \quad -6x$$

$$15 = 45 + 2x$$

$$-45 \quad -45$$

$$-30 = 2x$$

$$\frac{-30}{2} = \frac{2x}{2}$$

$$-15 = x$$

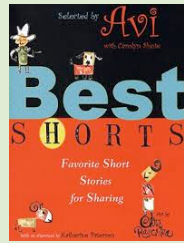
Check your answer:

$$15 + 6(-15) \stackrel{?}{=} 45 + 8(-15)$$

$$15 + (-90) \stackrel{?}{=} 45 + (-120)$$

$$-75 = -75 \checkmark$$

English



Assignments this week:

Short Stories – For our next unit of study in English, students will be discovering who they are as writers. Before they get into this, they will explore more deeply the different elements of fiction and will see what actually makes stories marvellous. Thinking back to the Novel Study, it is easy to make a smart guess: characterization, plot, setting, conflict, dialogue, introspection, action, description. Eventually, they will be crafting their own stories.

Cornerstone Writing Assessment – Annually, ISM requires students to take a standardised writing assessment. The focus of this year's writing prompt will be Conflict. In preparation, students have been reading a variety of short stories of their choice and have taken notes on what they have read.

What students can expect Mon. to Wed.:

Block 1	Discuss the prompt, review the rubric, read the short story, and take notes.
Block 2	Draft the essay, thinking back on teacher feedback to make their writing better from the Novel Study essay completed in December.
Block 3	Type and make final revisions.

Social Studies

Assignments this week:



Service Learning Proposals – By Friday this week, students will have brainstormed with their groups an action plan to help. Groups will present their proposals to their classmates, who will in turn, ask open-ended to help refine their plans. It is expected that all students will fulfil their service learning project by the end of April this year.

Science

Assignments this week:

States of Matter Assessment – Before the holiday, students were actively participating in various lab experiments focused on investigating the properties of solids, liquids, and gases. The second block of Science this week (Tues. or Wed.) will be dedicated to assessing their understanding.

Tip: Review the practice assessment completed in class.

MATH

Algebraic Expressions and Equations – A new unit of study starts! Students will be solving for unknown variables after learning how to translate equations into words and vice versa.