

# Katahdin Team Update September 20, 2021

## Upcoming Important Dates:



**\*Monday, September 27: Photo Day 8:30–10:30 am (all students have been given an order form by their advisor, if purchasing photo packages is desired). All students will have picture taken for School ID's and Yearbook photos.**

**Monday September 27 at 6:00 P.M. :**

**Katahdin Team Open House on ZOOM! at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/92696458896?pwd=MzQ2OTBaOTZlMjA3WjltSHU4dFAwZz09>**

**Friday, Oct. 8th No School for Students- WORKSHOP DAY FOR STAFF**

**\*Monday Oct. 11 HOLIDAY- No School**

**\*Tuesday Oct. 19th- Progress Reports emailed home by advisor- Please make contact with your child's advisor if you need a paper copy.**

**\*Oct. 29 Advisee Day Out/Make a Difference Day Kickoff**

**Nov. 9th-MCMS Warning notices mailed to parents by Team**

**Nov. 11th-No School-Veterans Day Holiday!**

**A Note From Mrs. Pelletier:**

**With continued safety restrictions(mask wearing and social distancing) we are happy to be "Live and in person" at MCMS. We started the first few days of school with The Katahdin Team Olympics- which were a great way to build Teamwork skills, and**



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reconnect & make new friends. We will be "competing in Olympic events throughout the year- so don't be surprised if your child comes home a "medal winner".

In math classes, 6th graders are working on

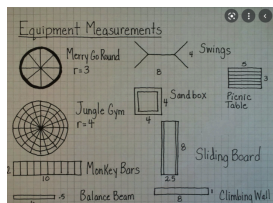
Geometry standards (currently designing a playground to specifications including a variety of equipment which needs to fit in their "chosen" area.) This work has them working with the standards of area,

perimeter and the mathematical practices of

precision and using structure to make mathematical decisions.

7th Graders are learning about Operations with Integers (becoming experts in the world of Checkbooks and Debits and Credits) and the

8th graders are hard at work on their Function Unit (realizing "What makes a function?" and how to write function rules for patterns we see in mathematics).



Date	Number	Transaction	Debit	Credit	Balance
		Beginning Balance			\$1,500

FYI: All Katahdin Math students have lesson related work due each week and they also have online KHAN Academy and DreamBox lessons due EVERY Friday!

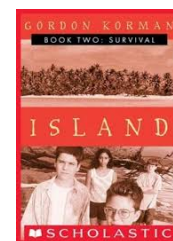
Google Classroom is updated each class day with the outline of the day and posted assignments (I also post board shots of the lesson discussion and links to videos and resources which are often useful- When students are absent please encourage your student to go to Google Classroom and check the Stream and Assignments posted.

\*\*\*\*\* If your child needs extra time to complete school work- I run a Katahdin Team Study Hall during Activity period- where many students choose to get help and finish work.

## From Ms. Jewett's room:

We have begun the school year with our Survival theme!

Our reading and writing focus is on narrative stories this trimester. All students have chosen a book to read in our ELA class that is based on the following: a book they have not read before, a book that has a survival theme, and is the "just right fit" (not too easy, not too hard). Students will be asked to read for 120 minutes per week (some of that will be in class time) and to log their time.

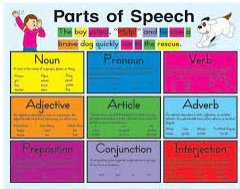


We have been looking at character development by watching a short film called "Hair Love" in our Survival Stories class. Students



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are asked to look at facial expressions and body language of the characters in the videos in order to determine what we know about them. We will be developing characters in order to begin writing our own short narrative stories.



Google Classroom (Gold~ ELA and Black~ Survival Stories) are updated each class day with the outline of the day and posted assignments. We have recently begun an in-class review of the 8 parts of speech, coming up with some creative nouns, adjectives, interjections, and adverbs, to name a few!

It's been really wonderful to be back in the classroom with our Katahdin students!!!

## The News from Mr. A's Classes!

- Things seem to be off to a very fast start in my classes this fall and the kids seem to be settling in quickly. It's nice to have things a little more normal this year, and my students appear to be happy to be back to school!
- In my "Wilderness Survival" class, students seem to be enjoying all of our outdoor activities! We've been in the woods discussing everything from what can be challenging and difficult in a wilderness setting, to putting together "survival kits", and for many different



types of trips. It's always interesting to see how much kids already know about the outdoors! Soon we will be building debris huts & shelters out of natural materials.

- In my "Economics" class, students are getting familiar with what economics is and how it affects all of us, and how we all participate in the economy, everyday. We've been discussing the history of money, goods and services, the four factors of production (natural resources, labor, capital, and entrepreneurship), and the difference between micro and

macro economics. Soon we will be learning about supply & demand and the stock market!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Mr. A

**More info to come soon about**

**6th Grade and New Student Parent/ Teacher Conferences:  
Sign up information will come from MCMS with sign up options...**

Similar to last year, we will be using our Fall Conference times to meet with 6th grade parents and parents of students new to MCMS. We plan to dedicate our Spring Conferences to meeting with our 7th and 8th grade families. Please know we welcome you to contact us at anytime.