

Pacific Intermediate Newsletter

January 2022

A Word From Our Principal.....Mr. Agee

Welcome back to school! I hope you had a restful and relaxing time over the winter break, and we look forward to buckling down and getting back to work for the remainder of the school year!

A couple of informational pieces for parents:

January is the time when we begin to really look at who will be required to attend summer school as well as who may be retained in their current grade level. Students with 2 or more trimester F's may be required to attend summer school. Students who have more than 4 trimester F's may be retained in their current grade.

As a reminder, students who miss school are required to make up work for the days they miss. Students who do not make up this work will be given zeros for the assignments. Please encourage your students to talk with their teachers the day after they miss in order to pick up assignments. Additionally, students should be able to find the information or assignments they missed using Google Classroom or Canvas.

Assignments are generally allowed to have one day to make up for each day missed. Late assignments will only be accepted until the end of the unit. Please work with your student's teachers if you have any concerns over homework. Additionally, if your student is having difficulty completing or remembering their homework, please ask your student to see their daily planner. This should be filled out by your student in each of their classes everyday.

Parent teacher conference for second trimester will be held January 27th from 3 pm until 9 pm. Additional details for signing up will follow once we return to school.

The last day of the second trimester is February 25th.

Thank you for your support from home as we work to continue to academically advance our kids!

Matt Agee
Pacific Intermediate Principal

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Chickasaw Tribe

Mrs. Alcorn~Math

Mrs. Bielicke~Science & Social Studies

Mr. Gilcrease~Language Arts & Reading

Missouria Tribe

Mrs. Aubuchon~Math

Mrs. Norman~ Language Arts & Reading

Mr. Wengler~Science & Social Studies

Osage Tribe

Ms. DiBlasi~Math

Mrs. Menley~ Language Arts & Reading

Mrs. Jackson~Science & Social Studies

Language Arts and Reading

5th grade will be finishing our last of Middle of the Year Testing and then beginning poetry with figurative language. Between the end of the 2nd Trimester and the beginning of the 3rd Trimester, we will begin our units with nonfiction.

Science

Students are focusing on Earth's place in our Solar System. Students will be able to identify the effects of Earth's movement on our lives.

Social Studies

Students are ready to begin learning about life during the Civil War era. Students will explore concepts related to slavery, the Underground Railroad, and post-war change and growth of America.

Math

Happy New Year!!



We are starting the fractions unit. We will begin by exploring and reviewing 3rd and 4th grade concepts and move into fraction number sense. Fraction number sense includes place value understanding, comparing, ordering, and rounding.

Thank you parents for supporting student learning! The fraction unit is big and will take us into the Springtime. Please let your student's teacher know immediately if you see a struggle at home that we have not picked up on yet. The sooner we can intervene and help, the better!



Otoe Tribe

Math~ Mrs. Voss

English~Mrs. Boling

Science~Mrs. Vondera

Social Studies~Mr. Effan

Quapaw Tribe

Math~ Mrs. Weil

English~ Mrs. Stumborg

Science~ Mrs. Todahl

Social Studies~ Mr. Slaughter

6th Grade Reading Teacher

Mr. McMahon

Welcome to January!

We hope everyone enjoyed the much-needed time off to recharge. Make sure to check your emails to keep up to date with everything that is going on in the classrooms. If you need anything, please let us know.

Math:

We just wrapped up Chapter 4: Percents and will start Chapter 5: Algebraic Expressions and Properties when we return in January. The advanced math students finished Chapter 7: Area, Surface Area, and Volume and will be starting Chapter 8: Integers, Number Lines, and the Coordinate Plane when we return from break.

Please make sure to check Google Classroom for weekly lesson plans, assignments, and lesson videos.

English:

English classes will be working on a research project. Students will be learning how to gather information from various sources and cite it appropriately. We will be continuing our bi-weekly vocabulary units/quizzes as well.



Social Studies:

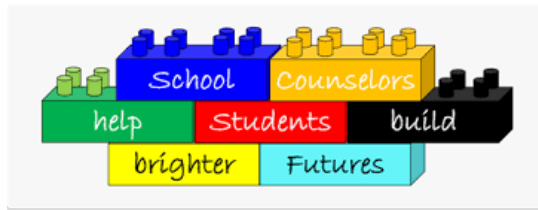
Social Studies is currently exploring ancient Indian culture and history. We have learned about the beginning of two major world religions and even got a chance to practice meditation! This month we will start our unit on ancient China.

Reading:

In reading, we are continuing to work on fiction and informational text. Students have been reading a historical fiction novel in class. We have been focusing on comprehension, vocabulary, and figurative language. Ask your student about the book they are reading in class!

Science:

In science, we will start off the year with our Matter Unit. We will be talking about solids, liquids, and gases. Please continue to look at our weekly emails, planners, and Google Classroom. Whether you are in class with us or at home, everything should be able to be completed online.



Counselor's Corner.....Ms. Diamond

Before Winter Break, Pacific Intermediate students were busy learning about in-depth character education skills and using these skills in daily life. Character education has included accepting others, respecting diversity, learning how to reduce and report bullying, practicing social skills to make new friends, recognizing healthy and unhealthy relationships, resolving conflicts effectively, resisting peer pressure and applying effective decision making. Students have made a lot of growth in developing their skills to interact with others, collaborate and resolve issues.

This month character guidance will focus on topics including goal setting and time management, developing plans to meet goals, responsibility, doing our individual best, career exploration, and depression/suicide warnings and what to do to keep safe. Additionally, Compass Health Network will be facilitating character education with 5th graders on cyberbullying and unfair criticism. 6th graders will learn about improved communication, better decision making, understanding family addictions, dynamics, abuse prevention and staying safe.

I hope you enjoyed your holiday with friends and family. I wish you good health and much happiness in the New Year.

Sincerely,

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