

Room Hotel News

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Getting Back to Normal - Soon

Wow! What a month. I would like to apologize for the lack of a newsletter the last few weeks. Things have been extremely busy and in addition I was out of the classroom for two days attending the STEM Conference in Anaheim. I have been playing catch-up and hope after this week things will get back to normal. As a reminder we have a short week both this week and next. Students will not have school on Friday, October 21 and Monday, October 24th as all STREAM staff will be attending a science conference in Palm Springs.

*Knowledge Will
Bring You the
Opportunity to
Make a Difference.*



Mr. J. Williams

Here is our class wearing the safety glasses that were donated by Google during the STEM Conference earlier this week.

Math

We have been working on graphs and collecting data. The students took a test on the concept and did not do very well collectively. After a class discussion about their poor test results many of the students admitted they are not reading directions carefully, which has been a problem all year. We reviewed the concept and the students retook the test on Friday and almost every student performed better on the retake. I am going to send both tests home on Monday for parents to review, sign and return. If you can help me by reminding the students to read directions carefully it would be appreciated.

Social Studies

Election time is here! Students will be working on their *Campaigns* for the elected offices for our classroom. Each student is required to run for one elected office where they must create a campaign poster, prepare and present a campaign speech, and make a campaign token/button. The speeches will be presented on November 2nd and 3rd and parents are invited and encouraged to attend. I will video each of the speeches so parents that are unable to attend can view them. The schedule of the speech times will be emailed within the next few days and a copy of the Campaign Assignment is attached to this email so you will be aware of the due dates.

Grades Online and Progress Reports

I have been receiving emails regarding student grades and would like to clarify a few issues. Students that miss class **need** to make up the work for that day.

When a student does not come to school all handouts and assignments are put in their mailbox in the classroom. It is the responsibility of the student to make up that work. I ask that it be completed and turned in, in a timely manner so they can stay current with class assignments. Should a student miss class many of the assignments are online and can be done at home via Google Classroom. Each student should know at this point how to log-in. This is also a good place to check and see what your student is doing each day. In addition, I do expect students to read on the days they are not in class and complete a reading log entry. If you have any questions regarding missing work please email me.

Parent Teacher Conferences

I have begun the process of scheduling Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled for October 31st through November 4th. These days will be early dismissal with the students dismissed at 12:00. Signups were sent home this past week with the students. If you have not seen the form please ask your student for it. I am asking that all students attend the conference with their parents. Many times it is nice to have the input of the student during the conference time. I will be posting the conferences schedule online. These first Parent Teacher Conferences are very important and I am sure you are aware that it is a challenge to schedule for 30 families as time is limited and classroom teaching continues during this time. Please take note of your scheduled time. If you are unable to attend your conference time please email me as soon as possible so I can reschedule.

Important Dates

October 21 – 24 No School
– Teacher Training Day

October 26 – STREAM
Board Meeting

October 28 – Student of the
Month

October 31 – November 4 –
Minimum Day – Parent
Teacher Conferences

November 8 – Class
Election Day

November 17 – 5th Grade to
Hope Center

November 21 – 25 – No
School – Thanksgiving
Break

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