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Sixth Grade Scoop

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Math

Mrs. Snyder is excited to begin the **Pre-Algebra** unit when she returns on Monday January 4th!



Continue practicing your multiplication facts. (www.multiplication.com)

Practice working with fractions by following a recipe!



Science

Electromagnetism Unit Completed:

- Made a compass, buzzer and motor

Mrs. Rhyde is excited to begin Rocks and Minerals and The Human Body in January!!

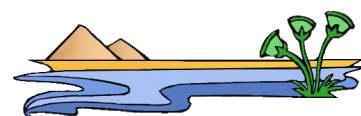


Important Dates

12/18	Canned Food Drive ends
12/14	Geography Bee information session (6PM at CJSHS)
12/22	Holiday parties and sing-a-long
12/23	Last day with Mrs. Sidebottom and Miss Podsiedlik
12/23	EARLY DISMISSAL — 2:55 PM
12/24 - 1/1	NO SCHOOL — Winter Recess
1/4	Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Rhyde return!

Social Studies

- Share our wonderful Ancient Egypt unit projects
- Uncover our apple mummies
- How and why the pyramids were built
- The Great Pyramid and Sphinx
- Famous Egyptians



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Reading and Writing News



Miss Podsiedlik

The students are shared their character 'suitcases' and we were very impressed with the creativity that many students put into the project. I also enjoyed seeing the hard work they put into the writing of the 3 paragraphs!

~Please keep reading over vacation~

As a class we are doing a FANTASTIC job with our **AR goals** this quarter! I have been encouraging them to curl up with a blanket and great book during their vacation. They will need to be at 80% by Friday January 8th.

We had an exciting visit from **Mrs. Snyder** last Friday. She taught us a new greeting for our Morning Meeting and answered some of our questions about her return. She is very excited to share and learn more with the class when she comes back on Monday, January 4th.

I would like to say thank you for sharing your children with me these last 4 months. It has been an honor and privilege to work at Barry School with such an awesome group of 6th graders! I will miss seeing them everyday!

Mrs. Sidebottom

We are finishing the novel Bridge to Terabithia. This is a terrific Newbery award winning novel about friendship and loss. When a main character dies in the story, we've had some very mature conversations about death, loss, grief and funerals. We look forward to watching the movie next week and comparing and contrasting.

The students are sharing their book character 'suitcases' and we are enjoying the creativity many children have put into this project. It's also a great way to find a new book to read! Please keep reading over vacation~

Our class had a great visit from **Mrs. Rhyde**, who helped us successfully build our motors in science. She is eager to return on Monday, January 4, 2010.

It has been my genuine pleasure and privilege to have shared time with your children these last four months during their 6th grade year! They are a fantastic group of kids and I will miss seeing them everyday.

Mr. Caravella

In **Reading Workshop**, we continue to focus on keeping up with our independent reading goals and using details and examples from our reading to support our thinking about what we read. We have been on the look out for "evidence" in texts we read to support our ideas and thinking. In our Reader's Notebooks, we will be writing a book review, which will include examples and evidence from our books to support our reviews.

In **Writing Workshop**, we have been focused on writing personal narrative "seed" stories in our Writer's Notebooks. We have learned many new strategies to help us stimulate our memories and give us ideas to write about. We are working on zooming in on our memories and telling the most important parts. Soon we will choose a seed story that we would like to develop into a published personal narrative story.

Teammate of the Week: Rachel

Announcements



Barry Bulldog Bulletin Online!

The Barry Bulldog Bulletin is now available online! Please go to:

<http://www.cortlandschools.org/teacherpage.cfm?teacher=1195>

and click "Newsletter" on the left side of the page.

Food Drive Fun

We are still collecting non-perishable goods to help re-stock food pantries during the holidays. We will be collecting until this Friday, December 18th.

Cortland Schools Spelling Bee



After winning the Barry School Spelling Bee, Jonathon Chierchio competed against other students from the Cortland City School District in our district spelling bee on December 10th. Jonathon finished among the top 3 in the district spelling bee and will now compete in the 2010 Post-Standard Spelling Bee at Christian Brothers Academy on January 23rd. The top 35 spellers at that event will then compete in an oral spelling bee at WCNY-TV in Liverpool on February 6th. Congratulations and good luck, Jonathon!