6th Grade Newsletter (January 2017)

Dear 6th Grade Families,

The 6th Grade Teachers wish all the 6th Grade families a healthy and productive 2017. Happy New Year! We hope everyone had an enjoyable break spent with family and friends and are ready to help our scholars succeed as we march into 2017. Here is some of what everyone has to look forward to:

Class to Class - What's Being Learned in the 6th Grade Hallway

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ELA - Mr. Pearsall - jpearsall@motthall2.org

We will be using our Notice and Note close-reading skills as we read S. E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*. We will continue to work on sentence combining as well as focus on writing stronger paragraphs.

Math - Mr. Redmond - Lredmond@motthall2.org

The new year starts with a new unit on Expressions and Equations. Scholars will be introduced to the powerful problem solving tool of algebra. We will start with one variable expressions and move to solving equations by using the visual of a balanced scale. Scholars finished Unit 3: Number Lines and Coordinate Plane before break and will be getting their tests back this week. Feel free to ask them how they did and encourage them to do test corrections.

Science - Ms. Acevedo - yacevedo@motthall2.org

For the beginning of the 2017 year we are continuing our third unit on studying simple machines! We will learn all about simple machines, compound machines and Rube Goldberg machines.

Social Studies - Ms. Breach - lbreach@motthall2.org

We are starting our unit on Greece. Students will be examining the various forms of government that Ancient Greece existed under and how these forms of government influence our world today. Students will analyze the actions of Alexander the Great and determine whether or not he was truly great.

On the Calendar - Upcoming Events

Jan. 16 - MLK Jr. Day (No School)

Jan. 20 – 2nd Marking Period Ends

Jan. 18 - Trip to see movie "Hidden Figures"

6th Grade Suggestions

- Encourage your scholar to clean out backpacks to start the new year. Anything from previous units does not need to be brought to class each day so scholars can store it elsewhere or recycle it.
- To practice Math Skills, scholars are encouraged to use TenMarks. Based on their scores for the Math Interim Assessment each scholar now has individually assigned "Personal Work" that is designed to target their areas for growth or challenge. This is not a required assignment for scholars but is a good way to polish or supplement skills in their free time.

Sincerely,

6th Grade Team (Acevedo, Breach, Kahan, Kim, Pearsall, Redmond)