



November 2020 Newsletter

Announcement

Upcoming Dates:

- November 25th-27th: Thanksgiving Break
- December 21st-January 4th: Winter Break

Grading and Return to School Information:

- Parents and guardians now have access to their students grades via their Parent Vue account. More information about how to login can be found at this [link](#).
- Student progress reports for the first quarter are currently being processed. Parents and guardians should be expecting them in the coming weeks.
- If you opted your child for in-person instruction and would like to go back to virtual, please call the school at 703-262-3100 as soon as possible.

Technology Information:

- Dogwood's Tech Help Desk is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 AM to 11 AM if you find that there are problems with your child's laptop or the MiFi.

Books and Supply Bus Information and Dates:

- Reston Bookmobile:
 - 12:00 PM
 - November 27th at Winterthur
 - Students can check out 3 books for 6 weeks! Every child at Dogwood is able to check out books from this bookmobile.

| Language Arts | Language Arts (Home/School Connection) |
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| <p>Driving Question: How do characters change throughout a story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining Importance, Theme, and Character Change within stories we are reading • Story Elements: Character, Setting, Plot, Conflict, Resolution • Tracking a character's journey throughout a story • Cause and Effect • Writing fiction stories with a focus on setting, conflict, point of view, character change, and dialogue • Use knowledge of roots, affixes, synonyms, to determine the meaning of new words <p>PYP Connections- Learner Profile Attributes: Thinkers Approaches To Learning: Communication Skills</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should be working on Imagine Literacy and Learning at least 20 minutes 3 times a week • Read books for 20 minutes every day • Share what you read with someone at home or in a video on Flipgrid. (log in with your FCPS google account) • Explore notebook. Practice adding pages; Write for 20 minutes. • Write lists, brainstorm ideas, free write, journal • Write a letter to thank someone |
| Math | Math (Home/School Connection) |
| <p>Driving Question: How are fractions and decimals related?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent, compare, identify equivalencies among fractions and decimals, with and without models. • Compare and order fractions, mixed numbers, and/or decimals, in a given set, from least to greatest and greatest to least. • Given a decimal through thousandths, round to the nearest whole number, tenth, or hundredth <p>PYP Connections- Learner Profile Attributes: Communicators Approaches To Learning: Communication Skills</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should be playing puzzles on ST Math at least 20 minutes daily • Practice identifying and naming parts of a whole within your daily environment (money, cooking, sharing are a great ways to practice → 0.50 is the same as saying half a dollar, I shared $\frac{1}{4}$ of my cookies with my 3 siblings, \$2.80 is the same as 2 and 8 tenths dollars) • Compare values when cooking or shopping: which is more $\frac{1}{3}$ of a cup or $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cup... $\frac{1}{2}$ of a pie or $\frac{2}{3}$ of a pie? How do you know? • Which costs more in the Black Friday or Cyber Monday ads? About how much would it cost to buy your wish list? |
| Science | Science (Home/School Connection) |
| <p>Driving Question: What structures and relationships exist within the ocean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geological, physical and ecological characteristics of the ocean environment • Oceanic ecosystems and marine | <p>Here are some of the vocabulary words student might use in your discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salinity, density, atom, molecule, |

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| <p>adaptations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguishing properties of each phase of matter • Atoms and elements • Molecules and compounds • Mixtures including solutions <p>PYP Connections- Learner Profile Attributes: Caring and Knowledgeable Approaches To Learning: Research Skills</p> | <p>compound, mixture, solution</p> <p>What kinds of cool animals live in the ocean -- explore some together. Why do they look the way they do? What features do they have that help them survive?</p> <p>Experiment at home with different mixtures and solutions - what happens if I mix two kinds of juices? Add fruit to my water? Combine two drinks? Is it a mixture or a solution? How do you know?</p> |
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| 5th grade NovNews Banner | We are THANKFUL for our students and our families. |