



# Kennedy Middle School

## October 2023 Sixth Grade Newsletter

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### 6th Grade Class Schedule

8:45 - 9:15	Homeroom
9:15 - 10:45	1st Block
10:45 - 11:05	SEL
11:08 - 1:05	2nd Block
12:05 - 12:50	6th Grade Lunch by team
1:08 - 2:32	3rd Block
2:35 - 4:05	Electives (A/B day)

### Noteworthy Dates

10/3 Progress Reports Out  
10/5 Picture Day  
10/18 Early Release (1:15)

\*\* Students can dress out on Picture Day ONLY if they are purchasing pictures.

\* For technology help, students should go to the following bitly to complete a form to request assistance:  
[bit.ly/kmschromebookform](https://bit.ly/kmschromebookform)

### News By Content Area:

#### ELA: (Angelou, Lilley, McNeirney & Trice)

In ELA class, we begin Unit 2 in October. Students will continue to read excerpts from The Lightning Thief. We will also be reading Greek myths connected to the novel comparing themes and topics in the Greek myths and The Lightning Thief. In the second half of the unit, students write an essay using the Painted Essay structure comparing and contrasting parts of Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief movie with reading about the same events in the novel.

#### Math: (Campbell and Solorzano)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math students are finishing up Unit 1 the first week of October. Our Unit 1 Assessment will be on Friday, October 6. Unit 2 will focus on Ratios. This unit will include writing ratios, understanding and finding unit rates/unit price, as well as calculations with percentages. This will be a rather long unit as this is a major focus of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade math standards. We have finished all Fall Math MAP testing. We will use this data to identify areas to provide additional support to our students. Students will continue to receive math homework on Monday of each week, and it is due on Friday of each week.



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## Honors Math (Day and Keady):

Students will have their End of Unit 1 Assessment this Friday, October 6th. A reteach and retest opportunity will follow. Per CMS policy, the highest retest score that can be given is 80%. Unit 2 will begin next Monday, October 9th on Area, Surface Area and Scale Drawings. Daily work is completed in workbooks that will stay in the classroom. Students will have homework weekly that they receive at the beginning of the week and will be due on Fridays. Mid and end unit assessment dates are communicated to students in a timely manner. Please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns. An online version of our workbook can be found at <https://openupresources.org>. PowerSchool is updated regularly to stay apprised of your student's progress.

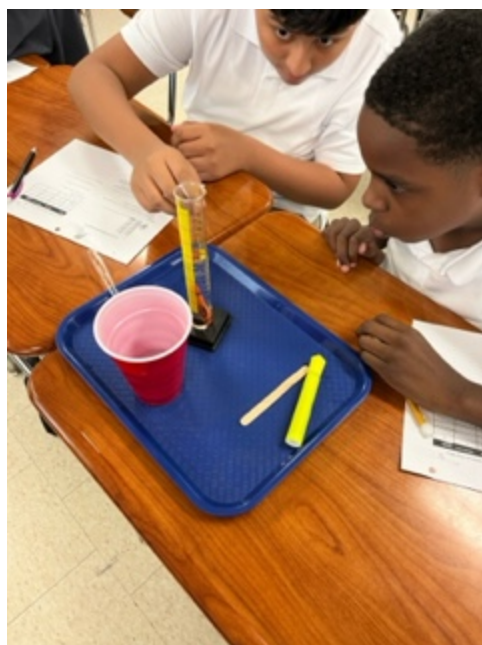
## Social Studies: (Isgrigg)

October is here, and with it, we're diving deeper into the world of Social Studies in 6th Grade. We are wrapping up our first Unit and are gearing up for our first Unit Test. We will then begin Unit 2, where your students will be exploring and applying their knowledge of history, geography, economy, government, and culture to understand the fascinating development of the river valley civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt. Encourage your child to stay on top of their assignments and engage with their vocabulary words; this not only strengthens their understanding but also enhances their reading skills. We urge you and your students to keep a close eye on PowerSchool for grades and missing assignments. Students who consistently submit their work tend to excel in social studies.

Additionally, we empower our students to be proactive learners. If they have any questions, remind them to confidently advocate for themselves and seek help when needed. Together, we can make this academic year a resounding success!

## Science: (Saliba and Taylor)

In science we are wrapping up our first unit: matter. Students completed a lab in which they measured the mass, volume and density of different everyday objects. We will start are thermal energy unit during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October. The thermal energy unit has a few labs we will do as well to explain how heat travels from one thing to another.





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## REMINDERS:

- We are a uniform school. Navy or khaki (not black) pants and navy or white collared shirts are required. No slides or slippers allowed. Thank you for your help and support.
- Please help your student remember to charge and bring their chromebook to school daily, once issued.
- Cell phones must be turned off and put away. If a cell phone is found in use, it will be turned in to the office for later pickup. If a student becomes a repeat offender, that cell phone will require parent pickup from the office.
- Hoodies should not be worn inside the school building. It is a safety concern if hoods are worn inside the school building.
- We love to recognize positive behaviors by nominating Students of the Month as well as issuing WOW cards that can earn students prizes in Friday drawings. Any donations of sweets or treats for the Friday drawings would be greatly appreciated!
- Online incentive trackers promote and recognize positive behaviors throughout Kennedy Middle School. We have a shared and consistent plan for ALL students. It gives students a chance to change behaviors that earn demerits. Students may receive demerits on the incentive tracker for a variety of reasons (Tardy, Disrespect, Disengaged and Forbidden Items). Students will also have the opportunity to fix mistakes with a Redemption Card. Redemption Cards can be given by homeroom teachers which will track a student's behavior for a day to remove a demerit. A low number of demerits will earn students the entry to an incentive reward at the end of the four-week period.  
This week will be the first incentive reward celebration for students that earned it!
- Students are issued a monthly bathroom pass for emergency restroom use. Students must keep track of this bathroom pass. (These passes are in addition to students having the ability daily to use the bathroom during homeroom, lunch, and elective periods.) New passes came out Monday, October 2nd.
- Please don't hesitate to contact teachers using ParentSquare or email with any questions or concerns.