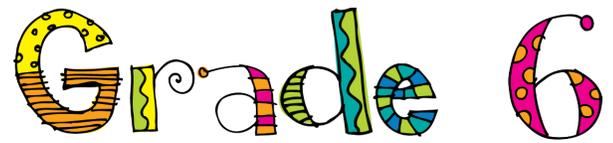


Teaching & Learning Newsletter

McMahon Elementary School

Trimester 2 2017-2018



<p>NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL McMahon School has the best students, staff and parents! Throughout the fall we have learned together as we've made the shift to full standards based teaching, learning and reporting for all grades K-6. Our students can tell you what they are learning about and why it is important. Our teachers can tell you what learning each of their students has mastered and what their next learning step is. Our parents have met with teachers during conferences and asked lots of questions about our new report card and how to support their children in building proficiency of learning standards.</p> <p>Please mark your calendars for McMahon Family Learning Night on March 7th! More information to come but plan to bring your kids, learn some new ways to support learning, ask questions, get answers, and have fun!</p>	<p>TRIMESTER 2 KEY STANDARDS</p> <p>Reading: Standard: RI.2 Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details: provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgement. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can use details from the text to explain the theme and/or main idea. I can summarize a text without giving my personal opinion.</i></p> <p>Standard: RI.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can recognize and explain the author's point of view or purpose in the text.</i></p> <p>Writing: Standard:W.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can write texts to explain topics and ideas. I can select appropriate information and present it in an organized way and use relevant information.</i></p>
<p>IMPORTANT DATES 1/26 Mid-Trimester 2/2 Trimester 2 Progress Reports go home 2/14 Early Release Day- <i>Teacher PD around aligning student learning tasks to reporting standards</i> 3/7 Early Release Day - <i>Teachers will work on analyzing evidence of learning to determine end of trimester standard scores</i> 3/7 McMahon Family Learning Night 5:30-7 3/15 End of Trimester 2 3/21-3/22 Parent Conferences 3:30pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p>Math: Standard NS.7A: Interpret statements of inequality as statements about the relative position of two numbers on a number line diagram. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can understand the distance between two numbers (positive or negative) on a number line.</i></p> <p>Standard NS.6C: Find and position integers and other rational numbers on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram; find and position pairs of integers and other rational numbers on a coordinate plane. <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can place integers and other numbers on a number line diagram.</i></p>
<p>TEACHER TALK – WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? Topic Score: Teachers assign scores to standards. Each standard is assigned a category. Standard scores within a category are averaged to provide a topic score which appears on the report card. Each trimester new standards are added which will impact the topic scores.</p> <p><i>Example: Subject: English Language Arts > Topic: Writing > Standards: Narrative, Informational, Opinion</i></p>	<p>HOW TO SUPPORT AT HOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Read through non-fiction texts. Have your child explain the main idea and provide supporting details. *Talk with your child about positive and negative numbers and how you use them in your life (i.e. bank balances, temperatures, credit cards, etc.) *Continue to work with your child on multiplication facts and division facts, either with flash cards or online games.

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