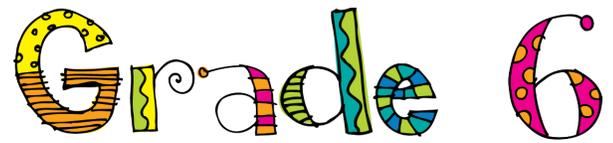


# Teaching & Learning Newsletter

## McMahon Elementary School

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<p><b>NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL</b></p> <p>2017–2018 marks the first year that all students grades K–6 are learning in a proficiency based model. Students will receive a new report card this year. It is my commitment to make sure you understand how the PBL model benefits your child, guides our teaching, and accurately reports our on your child’s progress. This monthly Teaching &amp; Learning Newsletter will help to give you a snapshot of the standards your child are working on and how you can support their learning at home. I also invite you to attend our McMahon PBL Parent Information Night on October 11th from 5:30–6:30.</p>	<p><b>EARLY FALL STANDARDS</b></p> <p><b>Reading:</b></p> <p>RL.2 Determine a theme or 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 determine the theme or message of a story. I can give a summary of the story without adding my opinions or judgments.</i></p> <p>RL.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.  <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can read and understand stories, dramas and poems at my grade level and above (with help where needed).</i></p>
<p><b>IMPORTANT DATES</b></p> <p><b>9/20</b> Early Release Day for Students – <i>Teacher PD on assessing student writing &amp; standards based grading in Empower</i></p> <p><b>10/6</b> No School for Students – <i>Teacher Workshop Day – Teacher PD around analyzing evidence and scoring standards based on criteria rubrics</i></p> <p><b>10/11</b> PBL Parent Information Night 5:30–6:30</p> <p><b>10/18</b> Early Release Day for Students – <i>Teacher PD around preparing for Parent Conferences</i></p> <p><b>10/23</b> No School for Students – <i>Full Day of Parent Conferences 8:30am – 7:00pm</i></p> <p><b>10/24</b> Parent Conferences 3:30pm – 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Writing:</b></p> <p>W.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well structured event sequences.  <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can write narrative stories with good technique, appropriate detailed descriptions and logical sequences.</i></p> <p><b>Math:</b></p> <p>Standard: Fluently divide multi-digit numbers using the standard algorithm.  <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can fluently divide multi-digit numbers using the traditional method.</i></p> <p>Standard: Fluently add, subtract, multiply, and divide multi-digit decimals using the standard algorithm for each operation.  <i>Kid Friendly Language: I can fluently add, subtract, multiply, and divide multi-digit decimals using the traditional method.</i></p>
<p><b>TEACHER TALK – WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?</b></p> <p>Professional Development: Often referred to as “PD”, is learning for teachers intended to improve their professional knowledge, skills &amp; effectiveness.</p> <p>Standards: Expected knowledge and skills that students will learn at each grade level.</p>	<p><b>HOW TO SUPPORT AT HOME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Read with your child and have them identify the main idea of the story. They can also summarize a page or chapter.</li> <li>*Discuss events in your child’s life in order to help them generate ideas for their personal narratives.</li> <li>* Take them to the store, and have them calculate the prices of items and the totals for small orders.</li> <li>*Practice multiplication and division facts.</li> </ul>

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