

6th Grade Newsletter

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Mrs. Patti Dearth—Language Arts

Reading

After completing the novel, we have returned to our *Literature* anthology to begin Unit 8 which focuses on strategies for reading informational texts and understanding text features found in this type of material. Students will also learn how to evaluate multiple sources of information.

The 3rd quarter AR due date is Monday, March 19th. Students are required to read one award winning book but are not limited to Newbery Award books this time.

English

As you know, we recently attended the opera performance of *The Giver*, and students wrote a short essay comparing and contrasting the novel and the opera. Sixth graders are currently studying pronouns in grammar and preparing to write a persuasive essay.

Vocabulary

Sixth graders have been introduced to the new set of WordMaster Challenge words, and the bulk of their vocabulary study will focus on them for the next few weeks.

Mrs. Laura Hall—Social Studies and Science

Social Studies

The sixth graders are continuing to study ancient Greece. Students did an excellent job presenting their Greek god and goddess posters and speeches this week. We will continue this chapter for the next few days and then start preparing for their test late next week.

Science

Students are studying mass, volume, and density. They have completed several labs and had a lot of hands-on experience mastering these topics. They will continue to study physical and chemical properties of matter next week.

<http://sites.google.com/site/mrshallsp6/>

Ms. Hannah Radio—Religion (hradio@stpeterskc.org)

Sixth graders worked on a magazine advertisement this week on “How to be a faithful servant to God” and I was really impressed with their thoughts and ideas. This week I am sharing my mission trip to El Salvador with them (I was there for a week in March 2009), and we will be discussing the current gang situation in San Salvador, where our sister parish is, as well as life in El Salvador and my hope is that we can compose some prayers to send their way. We are also studying the Bible a few times a week, and this week we are discussing various prophets.

Ms. Dorothy Starnes—Math

The sixth graders are finishing Chapter 5. They will have a quiz over Chapter 5 (sections 5.4-5.8) on Tuesday, Jan. 24th. They will have vocab. test on Wednesday, Jan. 25th over Chapter 5. The next chapter is over adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators.