



# Sixth Grade Scoop

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## Current Topics

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### Math

We will be busy filling our proportions books with information about:

- Percents
- Decimals
- Fractions

**We will have our first quarter assessment on November 5th.**



### Science

We are very involved with our cells unit:

- Focus on Cells-parts and jobs
- **CELL PROJECT: DUE MON, Nov 2**
- **CELL QUIZ: TUES, Nov 3**
- Vocab: cell parts/jobs, osmosis, diffusion, active transport, mitosis, cell respiration



## Important Dates



10/30	Harvest Festival
11/11	NO SCHOOL — Veteran's Day
11/20	NO SCHOOL — Parent Conference Day
11/19-11/23	Book Fair
11/25-11/27	NO SCHOOL — Thanksgiving Recess

### Social Studies

- Earliest recorded code of laws (Hammurabi's Code)
- Open binder unit test on Mesopotamia
- Introduction to Ancient Egypt and geography
- Ancient Egyptian life
- Ancient Egyptian writing (hieroglyphics)



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## Reading and Writing News



### Miss Podsiedlik

We enjoyed **writing** persuasive paragraphs and letters this week. Everyone seems to be used to the idea of using strong positive language to persuade for something they want!

Our **Reader's Notebook** letters are coming along nicely. We continue to keep a log of our reading in the notebook. Each child is responsible for one letter per week which will be graded and responded to. There are suggestions for letter topics and grading rubrics for the letters in the blue section of the Reader's Notebook. We have been discussing the different genres in class and that will be the focus of our next letter.

We continue to **read independently**. The AR quarter will end on November 6th. Please continue encouraging them to read for at least 20 minutes at day at home. We are still **reading** our first class novel, Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli. We've been designing our own candy bars that we think the character Mars Bar would enjoy! Ask them to "pitch" their candy bar to you.

### Mrs. Sidebottom

In **Reading Workshop**, we continue to use our Reader's Notebooks by keeping a log of our reading throughout the year and writing letters WEEKLY about our independent reading books. We wrote about important events, characters and next week we'll focus on genres.

We are **reading independently** and the AR quarter will end on November 6th. Please remind your child to read daily. We continue **reading** a class novel, The Cay, by Theodore Taylor. The children are getting a sense of the challenges of being blind by eating a meal at home blindfolded (thank you!) and doing some activities in class with a partner blindfolded. They seem to have a better understanding of Phillip's frustrations on the island and his dependence on Timothy.

We are focusing on paragraph **writing** and this week we wrote a persuasive paragraph. They liked this, as they are used to persuading their parents, using strong arguments and positive language!

### Mr. Caravella

In **Reading Workshop**, students have begun writing letters about the books they are reading. I will respond to each letter, and we will share our thoughts and feelings about books. We are currently focusing on writing good summaries and identifying the genres of the books we read.

We also began meeting in guided reading groups. In these small groups, students are reading The School Story, by Andrew Clements, Bridge to Terabithia, by Katherine Paterson, or The Hundred Penny Box, by Sharon Bell Mathis.

In **Writing Workshop**, students continue to use their Writer's Notebook to write about their lives, including memories. Students have learned to use connections to books, such as Baseball in April and Other Stories, by Gary Soto, to help them generate ideas for their writing.

**Teammate of the Week:** Sarah

## Announcements

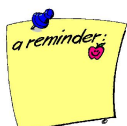


### Outdoor Survival at Lime Hollow

On Friday, October 23rd, we traveled back to Lime Hollow to learn outdoor survival with Dr. Eddie Hill, Dr. Amy Shellman and their SUNY Cortland outdoor education students. Through a series of hands-on activities, we learned how to navigate with a compass (orienteering), how to use and set up a

bear bag, and how to identify different trees.

Dr. Hill, Dr. Shellman and their students also work with our 6th grade classes each week as part of the League 56 Academy program. We are grateful for this wonderful partnership and the opportunities it provides our students!



### League 56 Academy

The League 56 Academy after school program continues through November 24th. The program is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 PM, beginning on October 6th through November 24th. If you are still interested in participating, please return the parent consent forms.

### Rubber Bracelets

Please note that students are **not** permitted to wear rubber or plastic bracelets, such as those pictured on the right. More information concerning this issue will be sent home from Ms. Rosero.

