



# Sixth Grade Scoop

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## Current Topics

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### Math

- Introduction to math procedures
- Working with large numbers up through the trillions
- Rounding and estimation
- Adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing large numbers
- Keep practicing the multiplication facts up through 12! Focus on speed and accuracy.

### Science

- Defining health (general condition of being sound in body, mind and spirit)
- Brainstorming and discussing positive and negative risks/statistics
- Review vocabulary for conservation field trip
- Next week: Begin cells and wetlands unit



## Important Dates



- 9/18 Camp Owahta field trip
- 9/28 Project Adventure field trip (AM)
- 9/30 Barry Meet the Teacher Night (7:00 PM)



### Social Studies

- Introductions and overview
- Reading and creating timelines and maps
- Using map features
- Geographic terms
- Pre-history and beginnings of civilization

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## Reading and Writing News



### Mrs. Snyder

We have started the year **writing** about ourselves! We enjoyed writing poems and typing them up in the computer lab. We have also been writing about our favorite family memories. We have been using our artistic abilities to help us brainstorm and sketch before we begin writing. Next week we will begin meeting with the entire 6th grade a few days a month for mini lessons strengthen our writing skills.

Next week we will begin our **spelling units**. Each week students will receive a spelling packet on Monday that they are responsible for completing by Friday. Our tests will be on Fridays.

We are **reading** independently and will be conferencing next week to set up our A.R. goal for the first quarter. Each student is encouraged to read 20 minutes a day outside of school. Also next week we will begin reading our first class novel.

### Mrs. Rhyde

We started the year off by doing some fun **writing** samples (choosing from a fantasy topic, angry letter or team newspaper report). Next week we will begin with some large group mini lessons to help students focus on their individual writing skills.

We will have **spelling units** each week-a pretest on Mondays, practice throughout the week and a final test on Fridays.

We are independently **reading** and will be conferencing to decide on our A.R. goal for this quarter. Your child is encouraged to read at home at least 20 minutes a day. We have already had some guided reading mini lessons (ways to choose books, etc) and we'll continue those next week.

**Go TEAM ELI!** Our class has committed to a reading challenge with Scholastic and Eli Manning. Our goal is to read 100 books by December and 1 million books will be donated to children in need. Go TEAM ELI!

### Mr. Caravella

We have begun laying the foundation for a successful reading and writing workshop throughout the year! In **Reading Workshop**, students have been learning about being responsible for their own reading and discussing the thinking they do as readers. We have explored the different ways we choose books and emphasized the goal of finding books that we want to read and that are right for us. Students will soon learn how to use a Reader's Notebook to share their thinking in writing and to keep a record of all the wonderful books they are reading.

In **Writing Workshop**, students have begun learning how to live like writers by keeping a Writer's Notebook. They personalized their Writer's Notebooks and started writing about their lives, including what makes them happy, sad, or curious, and moments they don't want to forget! Throughout the year, students will use their Writer's Notebooks to inspire their own published writing.

## Announcements



### Reminder:

**"Meet the Teacher" night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers hope to see you there!**



### We are on the web!

Please visit Mr. Caravella's class webpage and blog, which are located at the following addresses:

Website: <http://newweb.cortlandschools.org/teacherpage.cfm?teacher=834>

Blog: <http://mrcaravella.blogspot.com>