

December 6, 2019

Mr. Dahlquist's Room

Classroom News!



Math—Investigations 3 Rectangles, Clocks, and Tracks—We will complete this unit with the students: Continuing solving addition and subtraction problems based on data represented on line plots and solving addition and subtraction problems with mixed numbers. Our assessment for this unit will be Tuesday. Please continue working on Xtramath and Dreambox.

Science—*Universe*: What Patterns Do We See in the Night Sky? Students will: Demonstrate an understanding of some of the components of the universe; Explain that Earth rotates around an axis and revolves around the sun; and Observe and record observations of the night sky.

Social Studies— We began our study of chapter 5: Routes of Exploration to the New World on Monday. The focus question for this chapter will be: How did exploration of the Americas lead to settlement? Objectives for this chapter will include: 1) identify, organize, and analyze key facts about 8 early European explorers who led expeditions to the New World; 2) trace and label explorers' routes and identify the motives for the explorations of 8 early European explorers; and 3) predict the level of impact 8 early European explorers had on North American history. Vocabulary for this unit includes: *conquistador*, *Northwest Passage*, *contagious disease*, *East Indies*, *colony*.

The Unit 5 assessment was sent home today and is due on December 19th. Students will create a 2D or 3D monument to European Explorers. The monument should include the following:

- Human figures or visual symbols represent positive and negative impacts of the explorers.
- A plaque that explains the monument and describes the positive and negative impacts of the explorers.

Writing/Spelling/Grammar—We began our new unit, Argument Based Research essay. Students will write a persuasive essay supporting their ideas with research and including a counterclaim.

Reading— Our theme this week will revolve around The American Revolution. We will have a focus on drawing conclusions. To draw conclusions, you make inferences about two or more pieces of information from a story and arrive at a new understanding of a character or event.