6th Grade
Upcoming Next Week

OAKCREST INTERMEDIATE

RLA

This Week	This week, we will analyze the organizational patterns or text structures in nonfiction texts. Students will read their nonfiction book and take notes in their reading log in Schoology. They will use these notes to create a Google Site or poster which will be counted towards a major grade.
Academic Vocabulary	organizational Patterns/Text Structures, description, problem and solution, chronological, cause and effect, problem and solution, classification, definition, advantages and disadvantages
Essential Questions	What nonfiction book are you reading at school? What are the 5 main text structures or organizational patterns? What is the text structure for one of the sections or for my whole nonfiction book? How does determining the text structures in my nonfiction book help me better understand what I am reading?
Upcoming Dates	**The Informational Book Reading Log will be due Friday, September 27th, as part of their last major grade for the first nine weeks.** Their final major grade project will be due Friday, October 4th.
Resources for Parents	https://wordwall.net/en-us/community/text-structures

MATH

This Week	We will compare and order rational numbers and integers on a number line.
Academic Vocabulary	Number line, compare, order, equivalent, convert, fraction, decimal, percent.
Essential Questions	How do we compare and order rational numbers?
Upcoming Dates	9/25 grade alert- Unit 2 Review 9/27 Unit 2 test
Resources for Parents	**Schoology** **Math notebook**

SCIENCE

This Week	This week in science we will be starting Unit 3: Changes in Matter. We will start by reviewing mixtures and elements, and then introducing compounds.
Academic Vocabulary	Element, Compound, Heterogeneous Mixture, Homogeneous Mixture, Physical Property, Pure Substance, Matter, Solution
Essential Questions	• How can we use physical properties to identify and classify different types of matter? • How does the arrangement of particles within a substance affect its physical properties and behavior? • How can we recognize the formation of a new substance during a chemical reaction? • What observable evidence helps us determine if a chemical change has occurred during a reaction? • Why is it important to use multiple pieces of evidence to confirm a chemical change? • How can combining different types of evidence give us a clearer understanding of chemical reactions?
Upcoming Dates	Unit 3 Test will be on Monday, October 7th.
Resources for Parents	Students can review using the resources in schoology or in their notebooks.

SOCIAL STUDIES

This Week	It's project week! Students will be exploring elements of their own culture with our Culture Project: A Piece of Me. We will work on this in class September 23rd-October 2. Students might also need to work at home if not finished in class. The final project is due by the end of class on Wednesday, October 2nd, for a major grade. Projects will be on display at OIS Culture Night, Tuesday, 10/8, 5:30-7pm. Culture Night will be a come and go event and all friends and family are invited! We hope your family can come celebrate the diversity of our Oakcrest community!
Academic Vocabulary	Architecture, Literature, Economic, Beliefs/Values, Institutions, Contemporary, Cultural diffusion, Innovation, Assimilation, Diversity, Globalization, Culture, Culture traits, Society, Arts, Religion, Government, Multiculturalism, Identity
Essential Questions	• What elements make up culture? • How does a person's culture define who they are? • Why is it important to have an understanding of different cultures? • How do cultures shape the society in which they are found? • How does cultural diffusion impact a society?
Upcoming Dates	★ **9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage Month**

	★ **9/23-10/2: Culture Project Major Grade** ★ **Save the Date- 10/8: Culture Night 5:30-7pm**
Resources for Parents	Please discuss your family history and culture with your child! Here are some ideas to help you extend your child's learning at home: ➔ Discuss your family's ancestry and origin. ➔ Share cultural beliefs and traditions. ➔ Attend cultural events as a family. ➔ Cook traditional meals. ➔ Encourage respect/acceptance for others from different cultures.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This Week	We will demonstrate accuracy in throwing while defending our pin against an opp
Academic Vocabulary	Defense, boundary, strategy, agility, power
Essential Questions	We will discuss with our classmate in line what we think is the best way to defend our pin.
Upcoming Dates	Fine Arts & Specials Calendar
Resources for Parents	

6th - ART

This Week	We are continuing to use prismacolors and review daily how to use them properly. We will be focusing on value and blending to color our rodeo art realistic images we drew last week. We will complete these by Thursday.
Academic Vocabulary	Blending, color, color wheel, highlight, shadow
Essential Questions	How do I properly use prismacolors? How do I create shadows and highlights properly?
Upcoming Dates	Fine Arts & Specials Calendar
Resources for Parents	6th OIS Grade Art Handbook

6th - CHOIR

This Week	Students will be preparing music for their upcoming concert next week. We will add new notes and rhythms to our sight-reading.
Academic Vocabulary	Paired eighth notes, stage presence, window, performer's

	etiquette
Essential Questions	How does one count eighth notes using our numeric rhythm counting system? Why is performer's etiquette an important part of a performance?
Upcoming Dates	Fine Arts & Specials Calendar
Resources for Parents	OIS Choir and Music Website

6th - ORCHESTRA

This Week	Students will continue working on left hand technique and begin adding the bow to the strings of their instrument
Academic Vocabulary	Down Bow, Up Bow, bow lift, frog and tip
Essential Questions	Do I have a good bow hand? Do I know where to place the bow on the string?
Upcoming Dates	Fine Arts & Specials Calendar
Resources for Parents	https://www.essentialelementsinteractive.com/ https://www.musictheory.net/ https://www.violins.com/ https://www.fishburnviolin.com/ https://www.katyviolinshop.com/

6th - BAND

This Week	Students will be learning new notes, rhythm and technique!
Academic Vocabulary	Dotted half note, Tie, Slur, Articulation
Essential Questions	Do I have all my reeds? Am I thinking about private lessons?
Upcoming Dates	Fine Arts & Specials Calendar
Resources for Parents	https://sites.google.com/tomballisd.net/oakcrestintermediateband/home