



October 13, 2019

<p><b>Admin Notes</b></p> <p>Welcome to 2nd quarter! Camp was a blast, and I hope your child learned a lot and enjoyed the experience. Parent Conferences are coming up (Oct. 23 &amp; 24). Please make sure you have signed up for a time with the team. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and performance as well as a time to set goals for the rest of the year. Teachers spend a lot of time building relationships with their students, and this is also another opportunity for us to partner together to benefit student learning.</p> <p>After school activities have started. You can check out the list <a href="#">here</a> if your student hasn't yet decided on how to get involved! We provide late buses on Tuesday and Thursday for many of these activities.</p> <p>Contact Info: <a href="mailto:slackey@ladueschools.net">slackey@ladueschools.net</a></p>	<p><b>General Grade Level Info/Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>The 6th grade fall party will be a Halloween celebration on Thursday October 31st. The Monster Bash will start immediately after school and ends at 4:20 pm. There will be late buses for students to take home. The party will include costumes, pumpkin decorating, and Halloween-themed games, crafts and snacks. Look for a sign up genius for parent helpers coming soon. Start planning your costume!</p> <p>The 6th grade team spirit store is open! Click on the link below to buy clothing items that show pride in your 6th grade team. There are many items to choose from for each team (Phoenix, Pegasus, and Orion team) and they come in a variety of sizes both youth and adult. The team store will only be open until Thursday 10/17! Items will be delivered to school by early November. Happy shopping! <a href="https://www.bsnteamsports.com/shop/UG2KYhPyRc">https://www.bsnteamsports.com/shop/UG2KYhPyRc</a></p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>It's hard to believe we are starting 2nd quarter! Currently in Science, students will have many opportunities to develop models that will help them construct explanations to further their understanding of the role gravity plays in the motion of objects, and the relationships among celestial objects in our solar system to develop a unique space mission. They will obtain information about a specific planet in which they will plan a mission to. All students will follow a mission travel plan and use mathematical thinking to calculate the length of the mission and how planetary orbits will affect the mission trajectory. We are very excited about this Performance Task and can't wait to see their journeys!</p>	<p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <p>The 2nd quarter is upon us! Students will continue to work on the Mesopotamia Unit this month. The Mesopotamia Test will be Oct. 23rd. Students will also be working on the Ladue Code of Laws, a project that looks at Hammurabi's Code of Laws. After the Mesopotamia Unit, we will start our unit on Egypt.</p>
<p><b>Math</b></p> <p>In math we will be finishing our fraction and decimal unit. We will then move onto ratios and proportions. This unit will include using ratio tables, tape diagrams and proportions to solve problems. Students will see lots of real world applications of ratios and proportions and how easy it is to solve problems using these strategies. Students will also explore rates and unit rates. Students will graph points from tables to compare and make conclusions.</p>	<p><b>ELA</b></p> <p>In ELA students are nearing the end of the character unit. Students have read book club and independent books as well as short stories. Through these texts the students have analyzed the characters' traits and motivations as well as how and why they change throughout the story. In addition to this, the students have considered the lesson characters have learned in order to determine the theme of text. Book clubs will be wrapping up this coming week and the character unit assessment will be the week of October 21st. The students will be moving into a narrative writing unit at the end of October.</p>