

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good afternoon! We are excited to see parents and guardians this Tuesday at Student Led Conferences! Please be sure to sign-up for conferences if you haven't already, using this [link](#)! We look forward to seeing you there!

**History:** We are finishing up our Mesopotamia unit, learning about Hammurabi's laws, and doing a mock archeological dig box in class to learn about artifact recovery. Next week, we will conduct our own personal excavations.

**Math** We began our week by discussing our iReady Data-be sure to ask your student to see their results. Then we moved onto our new unit: Algebraic Equations. We reviewed how to solve a 1-step equations and then moved onto solving 2-step equations. Expect a test later next week!

**Pre-Algebra:** We began our week by discussing our iReady Data-be sure to ask your student to see their results. Then we moved onto our new unit: Algebraic Equations. We now can solve 2-step equations as well as equations with distributive property. Expect a test later next week.

**Writing:** In Writing we prepared for and took our Unit 1 Grammar Quiz. We also turned in and published our personal narratives. It was a great celebration! Today we turned our focus to preparing our minds for the next unit, persuasive and argument.

**Reading:** This week in Reading, we focused on the last few concepts of writing a response to literature: the reasoning and conclusion. We ended the week by finally turning in our completed response to literature for the story "Fish Cheeks" by Amy Tan. Next week we will begin to shift gears toward non-fiction texts.

**Science:** As we wrapped up the quarter this week, we also finished our lessons over atomic structure. Students modeled the subatomic particles of an atom and used the Periodic Table to identify elements and their properties. We spent Friday making observations and asking questions about chemical reactions with our Bag O'Chemistry lab. Next week, we will start describing physical and chemical changes of a substance. Looking forward to a great 2nd quarter!

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Please feel free to contact us, through email, any time you have questions or concerns. (Do not respond to this email)

Thank you for allowing us to teach your students every day!

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