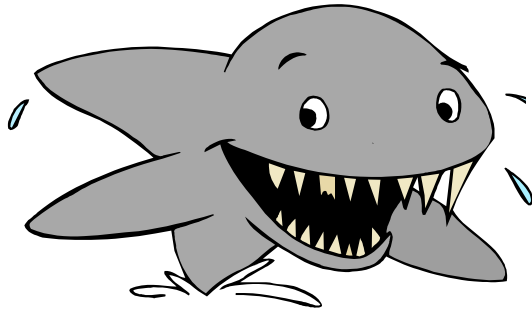


Sharks Team Newsletter

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Physical Education

Ms. Ibe

The students are just finishing up their first marking period of Phys. Ed. We were involved in many activities including flag football, large group games, fitness testing and a week of dance/taebo/zumba. We also did our weekly mile runs which the students worked very hard at trying to improve their scores each week. Each student will be re-tested in the spring on their fitness gram as well as the Southern Fitness 500. You should have received an e-mail with your student's fitness gram scores that will give you an idea of where some improvements can be made.

At the end of the marking period we will be moving into the classroom for our health unit. A requirements sheet will be sent home so you may get them prepared with any school supplies they may need.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Science

Mr. Saroka

During the first marking period, the Sharks explored energy and its never-ending effect on matter. We discussed the nature of the

different forms of energy and how they affect the universe, the world, and ourselves. The second marking period will see us moving out into space. We will discuss the Earth-Sun-Moon system, the solar system, space travel, and deep space.

English

Mr. Schulze

For the first marking period students completed a study of Holocaust literature. *Night* by Elie Wiesel was a part of this focus. Writing mechanics, usage, and grammar activities are and will continue to be an important part of class throughout the year. Students regularly complete work in their writer's notebooks in class, and this gives them an opportunity to write creatively. Looking ahead to the second marking period, students will be reading an assigned book for class and will also be instructed to complete an independent book reading and write a review. NJ ASK preparation activities will also be integrated throughout the marking period.

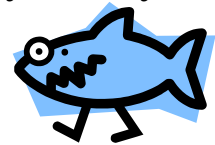
Learning Strategies

Mrs. Hargis

Mrs. Hargis' class is off to a great start this school year. We have spent time

organizing and re-organizing our notebooks, lockers and agenda books. This was done to enable students to keep up with the assignments in their classes and keep the good grades rolling in. The students have been working independently on ASK review in Language Arts and Math.

Mrs. Hargis is enjoying this class and feels that the students in this class are bound for a successful school year this year!



Mr. Beckett

Social Studies

In Mr. Beckett's Social Studies classes we just finished studying the causes of American Revolution and the war itself. We are currently discussing the Articles of Confederation and will be taking an in depth look at the Constitution and its effect on our lives. Through political cartoons, Supreme Court cases, and other materials, we will break down the Bill of Rights and define how they have an impact on our day to day lives.

After the Constitution, we will take a look at the United States and the growth of the country

through the Louisiana Purchase and some of the conflicts and changes that follow. I look forward to an exciting marking period.

Mrs. Ackers
Math

We started this marking period with an algebra unit. We learned order of operations, absolute value of integers, rules for signed numbers, evaluating expressions, distributive property, combining like terms, and equation solving. We then learned a special way to find the GCF and LCM of different sets of numbers and how to do prime factorization. This marking period we also started our weekly take home tests. They are given out and collected on Wednesdays and are a means for reviewing previously learned concepts.

The Algebra class also started the year with a review of order of operations, signed number rules, distributive property, and combining like terms. We then did a unit on equation solving. This included the following types of equations: simple one and two step, distributive property and variables on both sides, no solution and all real numbers, squared quantity, and absolute value, zero product property, fractional, and matrix equations. We also learned how to add, subtract and multiply matrices. The Algebra class has also started the weekly

take home tests which are due on Wednesdays.