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CAMERON MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade News

1ST QUARTER

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Welcome to Sixth Grade!

6th Grade is an exciting time for your learners. 6th grade offers more educational freedom and responsibility with students changing class for the first time. Please feel free to contact any of your student's teachers with comments or concerns early in the year. Students have been given agendas to use to help track assignments.

Data notebooks are being constructed to help your student track and convey performance on class related objectives. We as teachers are trying to create

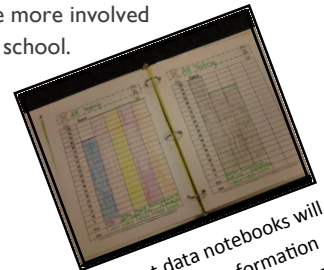
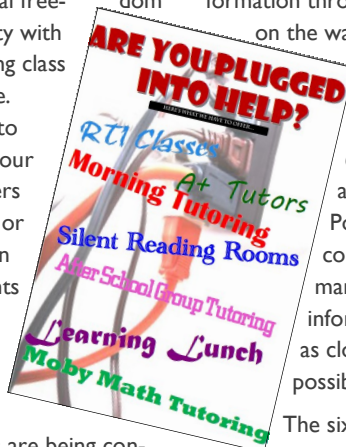
more opportunities for communication. You will be getting information throughout the year on the ways in which we are trying to help you stay plugged into your child's 6th grade year. As always we are using PowerSchool to communicate performance and grading information to you in as close to real-time as possible.

The sixth grade will be starting tutoring sessions before and after school to help students. Sessions run Monday-Tuesday for ELA and Thursday-Friday for Math from 7:20-

7:50am.

Reading rooms will be developed for students who are struggling to reach classroom free-reading goals.

Through-out the year, opportunities for involvement with your child's education will be presented. Please be on the lookout for information coming home regarding field trips, after school opportunities and tutoring as this is a great way for you child to become more involved here at school.



Student data notebooks will hold data and information from all subjects and classes.

IMPORTANT DATES

- No School: Labor Day
September 1
- No School
September 2
- Mid-Term
September 15
- Early Dismissal 12:20
September 25
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
September 25
- No School
September 26
- Homecoming
October 3
- Early Dismissal 12:20
October 13
- End of 1st Quarter
October 16

Special Education

Welcome back!! The school year is off to a great start and I am looking forward to the year. This year we will continue working with grade level materials in both Math and ELA classes. The students last year saw improvement on tests scores by working with grade level material. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me or call the school: jerdman@cameronschools.org or 816-632-2185.



Social Studies

World Geography and World History will be combined as one class this year. Student will be learning about map skills (using longitude and latitude lines and identifying and using map parts). Students will learning about past civilizations, where they were located, how they lived and survived and where they would be located today.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me or call the school: gwallace@cameronschools.org or 816-632-2185.



BEST CONTACT TIMES :

Plan Periods: 9:40- 10:25am, 12:30- 1:15pm Before/After School: 7:30-8:00am, 2:54-3:24pm

Math

In Math, we're starting chapter 1 (ratios and rates) and are quickly putting together and using Data notebooks to track student learning.

Rates and Unit Rates:

$\frac{60 \text{ miles}}{3 \text{ hours}}$	$\frac{20 \text{ miles}}{1 \text{ hour}} = 20 \text{ miles/hour}$
$\frac{40 \text{ words}}{2 \text{ min.}}$	$\frac{20 \text{ words}}{1 \text{ min.}} = 20$

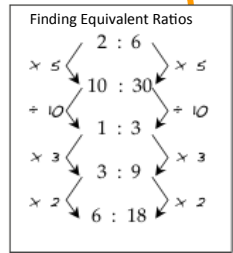
We are heading towards our mid-chapter quiz. Before mid-term on September 15.

This quiz will be the first real grade in the grad book. All practice assignments will be entered

and tracked in the data notebooks but are used only a formative assessments, to track comprehension as we learn these new concepts. You can help your student review finding equivalent ratios and computing unit rate. Practice problems and tutoring videos can be found on Mr. Robinson's web page under 'student resources. It is a great idea to practice or review with your student prior to the mid-chapter quiz. If your child needs homework help please

send them to Mr. Robinson's room (rm 307) before school for help. He is available by 7:30am most mornings to help answer or just provide a quiet place to complete the work.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to email prob-inson@cameronschools.org or njoint@cameronschools.org or call the school: or [816-632-2185](tel:816-632-2185).



Practice problems and tutoring videos can be found at www.mrrobinson6thgrademath.weebly.com

Science

In sixth grade science, students will explore a variety of science topics. Two main skill areas will be emphasized, first being the development of basic knowledge of a skill area. The knowledge area refers to understanding concepts from the biological, physical, chemical and earth science areas. Sec-

ond, will be the development of performance skills. The performance skill area refers to the development or the ability to use the processes of scientific inquiry. We are kicking off this year by studying Earth Science.



I am hoping to ignite your student's enthusiasm about Earth and how our land and water was formed. "ROCK ON" 6th grade!

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to email lmorgan@cameronschools.org or call the school: or [816-632-2185](tel:816-632-2185).

"Learning for Life..."

Every Student,

Every Teacher,

Every Day!"

ELA (English & Language Arts)

In ELA this year, students will be participating in reading and writing workshops. The workshop model gives power to the student for their own growth. Each student will meet periodically with the teacher in a conference as well as meeting with their reading and writing groups for guidance. Each conference will have two goals one set by the student and one teacher directed.

This year, students may choose to participate in the 40 book challenge. This is a challenge to help students read books outside of their normal comfort zone.

- 5 Realistic Fiction
- 5 Information
- 5 Fantasy
- 5 Biography/Autobiography
- 4 Mystery
- 2 Historical Fiction
- 2 Science Fiction
- 2 Classic Literature (folk, fairy tale, fable)
- 10 Choice books

Teachers will also be participating in the challenge and we encourage parents to participate as well. We are planning a 6th grade night at the Cameron Public Library. Be on the lookout for further information we would love to see all of you there to support your child's reading and

become part of our reading community.

Each student is a writer. They will be expected to write multiple times daily across many genres. They are also encouraged to write outside of class time. The more a student writes the better at writing they will become.

On Friday, August 29, 2014, the 6th grade students will participate in a writing celebration where they will share their writing with other writers. We would like to encourage you to write a memory to share and join us during our writing celebration. Please email Mrs. McKinley at rmckinley@cameronschools.org or Mrs. Janovec at atjanovec@cameronschools.org for more information.

