



Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

SIXTH GRADE NOTES

MRS. BRAMHALL & MRS. MENDELSON

Dear Parents,

Happy Valentine's Day! The students will take part in a retreat on Thursday. Please see the letter in this week's Monday folder inviting you to come and have lunch with your child Thursday. We will be having pizza, and the cost per lunch is \$3.00. Please send the money in an envelope with your child's name on it by Tuesday, February 9. We hope that you will be able to join us.

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 11: Valentine's Day Retreat--Grade 6 students may dress down.

February 12: No School for Students/Teacher In-Service—Extended Care open

February 15: No School—President's Day—Extended Care Closed

February 17: Mass—Ash Wednesday

April 28-30: Performance dates for *The Pirates of Penzance*. Matinee performances on the April 28 & 30—1-2:45PM; Evening performance Thursday, April 29—start time 7PM (students will need to be here at 6PM)

June 3: Graduation Mass—6:30PM

Here is what we will be doing the week of February 8:

RELIGION:

The students will work to learn a new prayer for vocations. They will recite this prayer to me for a quiz grade on Wednesday, February 10.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of
Charleston more priests, deacons,
sisters, and brothers.

Choose faithful men and women
from our homes, parishes, and schools
to serve the people of God.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
help those who are called to offer
a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

Amen

READING:

- NOVEL: The students will begin to read the book entitled, *Adventures of the Greek Heroes* by Mollie McLean and Anne Wiseman. The students should all have this book in school by Tuesday, February 16.

AR REQUIRED READING:

- The students must be reading an AR book and should be bringing it to class. They need to take tests on two AR books. The students have all been given individual reading goals based on the STAR test that they took in the library. Each test counts as a 100 point test grade in reading. So, if your child scores 9 out of 10 on the AR test it will be recorded as 90/100 on Gradekeeper.
- MUSICAL PRODUCTION:
- The students will be working on *The Pirates of Penzance Junior*. It is a fun and challenging production. There are a lot of words to memorize!
- Rehearsals are going well...we have miles to go...but we have also accomplished much. ☺
- If your child is a cast member, then he/she should be working on memorizing the words of the songs and any dialogue belonging to his/her character. Please ask your child if he/she is doing this and encourage him/her to recite to you what he/she knows. This will help us tremendously!
- Every cast/crew member was given a copy of the script/parts that they are responsible for knowing.

COSTUME/PROP UPDATE:

I plan to send more information regarding props and costumes in the upcoming Monday folders.

PROPS THAT WE NEED--I will be compiling a list of props with the help of the students and will update what we have or what we still need each week. I am hoping that we can pull together resources or items at little or no cost to you. I really don't want you to have to spend lots of money. So, hopefully these items can be found or purchased cheaply. Here are some items that we could use:

- Parasols—for the daughters—a few already have one...not every daughter will need a parasol...after doing some staging with the daughters there is just not enough space for all daughters to be holding parasols. If we have 9 or 10 parasols that should be plenty to give the effect. Some daughters had mentioned wanting to hold a fan instead—so that is a nice option for those who do not have a parasol.
- 20 Swords—plastic—but as real-looking as possible. Each pirate is responsible for having his own sword...but I thought I would mention this in case.
- 1 large Pirate treasure map
- Gold coins—fake—large enough to be seen from the stage—with a cloth pouch to hold them.
- 17 candles—I would like the ones that can light up using a battery—for the daughters
- Lantern
- Mrs. Dworjanyn is getting batons for all of the police officers. Another HUGE thanks!!!!
- British flag
- Skull and Crossbones flag—two fairly large ones

MUGS: Mrs. Maroney has offered to purchase the 20 mugs needed for the show.
THANK YOU!!!

PIRATES--Mrs. Nottingham is having pants made for all of the pirates. So, you do not need to worry about pants for your child if he/she is a pirate. Thank you, Mrs. Nottingham! **All pirates will need some type of belt or sash around the waist as part of their costume to hold the sword.**

DAUGHTERS—Mrs. Richardson made a beautiful night cap and also found a place on line to order some. So, the daughters will definitely have night caps to wear. She is working on nightgowns. Thank you, Mrs. Richardson!

POLICE OFFICERS- The spats, gloves, and hats arrived last week. THANK YOU, Mrs. Dworjany!

Please refer to images of what the costumes should aim to look like, there is room for creativity and I am open to ideas.

If you have any sewing skills and have time to assist with costumes then please let me know. I have ideas, but I have absolutely no talent for sewing.



THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP.

MATH:

We are continuing to work on Chapter 4: Expressions and Equations. This chapter is long and very difficult, so please be sure your child studies and does their homework daily!! I am taking this chapter slower so the children feel more comfortable with the concepts. They will be exposed to Pre-Algebra and this can be complicated and

frustrating for your child. We will get through it together!!!! Please let me know if your child needs extra help! I will meet with the students who need extra help, after school on Wednesdays until 4:15. Please let me know in advance so I can plan on staying.

SCIENCE:

The Science Expo is over for another year!!!! The students did AMAZING jobs on their projects. We are still learning about Plant and Animal Cells in Chapter 2. The students received the instructions for the at-home plant cell project. We will begin the Animal cell project at school Monday, and it should be a fun learning process. These two projects should be fun for the students and fun for me!!!

SPELLING:

The students will begin work on Unit 9. The words for this unit are: avenge, cede, deluge, discretion, giddy, impact, intimidate, liberate, logical, misrepresent, optional, outright, rendezvous, rotund, saunter, sluggish, subordinate, tint, variable, & verge.

NOTE: CHANGE IN TEST DATE:

Presentations due: Monday, February 8

Pages 101-104 and spelling bee due: Tuesday, February 9

Test date: Wednesday, February 10

Check out this site below:

<http://www.sadlier-oxford.com/vocabulary/games.cfm?sp=&level=A>

It is a great resource for the students.

ENGLISH:

GRAMMAR: The students will continue to work on Unit 3: Verbs. They will work on lessons 9-13.

ESSAY: During the third quarter the students will be assigned one 5 paragraph essay each week. Each essay is scored on a 50 point scale. A little research may need to be done for some of the assigned topics. Below are the due dates and essay topics:

DUE DATE	TOPIC	SCORE EARNED
January 14	The best pet to have	
*January 22	A black American that furthered freedom	
January 29	Favorite Bible story	
February 5	God's greatest gift to you	
*February 19	St. Valentine	
February 26	Recycle-why bother?	
*March 12	Why you are so glad a certain teacher was born ☺	
March 19	St. Patrick	

* Indicates that some due dates are longer than a week.

Students can you be exempted from writing an essay or two. Each time a student scores 45 points or more, he/she is exempt from the following week's essay! I will do my best to get the essays graded and returned to the students as soon as possible.

- The students have been given a sheet with these topics and a copy of the grading rubric that I will be using. This should be in the blue Take Home Folder. It is for the students to keep—so it may be kept at home if desired.
- Thank you for all of the help and support with the essay assignment.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

The students received a roadmap to follow on Monday, January 11, 2010. Please

remind your child to keep their folders in order throughout the whole unit. The students should get a new folder for this unit; the Egyptian unit beat the notebooks up pretty well. ;) There are several projects, and many exciting things to study about in this unit; I hope your kids share with you! This week we will be studying Education, Health and A Womans Life.

SPANISH/LATIN:

Latin—study vocabulary

Spanish—study vocabulary—P.33, 1-10

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!