

Monthly Newsletter

January 2020

What have we been learning?

Writing:

We ended our literary unit with a post-assessment based on everything we learned during the unit. Our new unit of writing will be focusing on the aspect of narrative writing. Within the unit, we will be studying dialogue, sample author text, working on elaboration, and revising.

Spelling:

Spelling is assessed within all aspects of ELA. Oftentimes, students are assessed within formal essays or classwork.

Reading:

Much of January will be focused on narrative writing. We will be reading several different texts that incorporate multiple reading skills such as point of view, graphic sources, and text structure. Following our narrative unit, we will be focusing on non-fiction book groups while introducing the country report during Writer's Workshop.

ELA & Social Studies with Miss Brackett!



In the News: Students will be researching current events in the recent upcoming weeks. We use scholarly sources such as Newsela, which provide students with appropriate, grade level current events both nationally and internationally. Students are expected to write a report based on their findings and present it to the class.

Social Studies:

We have been exploring the detailed aspects of Central America and the Caribbean! We will be testing on Tuesday, January 14th. Up next, South America!



Announcements:

- *If your child receives a low grade on any assignment, please know students are allowed to schedule a make-up test themselves. An average of the two grades will be given to those who re-take.

Dates to be mindful of:

1/17 Early Release-
Professional
Development
1/20 No school- Martin
Luther King Jr. Day

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