

# Monthly Newsletter

*March 2020*

## *What have we been learning?*

### **Writing:**

We began the informational writing unit with a mini lesson on culture. Culture is the focus on our country report and research. We will be spending much of March and April on our research and written country reports. Please see the attached letter regarding important dates and information for the country report.

### **Spelling:**

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

### **Reading:**

We are wrapping up our nonfiction unit of reading within our book groups within Reader's Workshop. We will still be discussing our reading skills such as point of view, graphic sources, and text structure as we look further into our country research. The majority of this reading unit will be based on additional nonfiction books regarding our countries.

## ELA & Social Studies with Miss Brackett!



***In the News:*** Students began familiarizing themselves with words that they will often see within ELA and/or on MCAS. These are higher-level reading and writing-based words that are of utmost importance for students to learn entering seventh grade. Students will get a new list of 15 words each week and will be quizzed every Friday.

### **Social Studies:**

Following our unit test on South America, we will be discussing not only our country regions, but also the regions of Northern Africa and Southwest Asia.

### **Announcements:**

- \*If your child receives a low grade on any assignment, please note students are allowed to schedule a make-up test themselves. An average of the two grades will be given to those who re-take
- Breakfast Bunch is still running! Meet us with your breakfast at 7:45 on Tuesday mornings!

#### **Dates to be mindful of:**

3/2 Dr. Seuss Day  
3/3 No school: Professional development  
3/5 Literacy Night 5:30  
3/13 Term 2 Ends  
3/20 Report Cards Issued  
3/25 and 3/26 Half-day Conferences



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