



SIXTH GRADE NEWSLETTER



Dear 6th Grade Families,

We are excited to begin the journey of the 2020/2021 school year with your scholars! Many of us have had the opportunity to connect via Zoom and hash out the particulars of what these opening few weeks of school

will look like, and we greatly appreciate your time. We are committed to providing all of our scholars a wonderful and rewarding educational experience. We won't be able to achieve it without having our lines of communication open. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

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"Children are our greatest natural resource."

Herbert Hoover- (31st President March 4, 1929 – March 4, 1933)

Born: 8/10/1874 Died:10/20/1964

— Subject Focus This Week —

Language Arts: We are thrilled to welcome back our scholars to Archway North Phoenix! This year in language arts, students will have the opportunity to study and engage with the beauty of grammar and composition. They will continue to discover how words are ordered and linked together to create beautiful sentences in the literature they read, and they will have many opportunities to practice this skill in their own writing! We will begin the year with a review of the types of sentences. Grading will be a mixture of accuracy and completion. If an assignment receives a checkmark, it means it was not taken for a grade. A "0, 1, 2, 3, or 4" in the upper right hand corner will indicate a completion score. A score out of a total will indicate an accuracy grade. (eg. 7/14). Some assignments may be taken for accuracy and completion.

Math: The school year is finally upon us and we are looking forward to getting to know each and every one of our sixth graders! This year in math students will begin to think in the more abstract and see new concepts like negative numbers, graphs of equations, and even solving for unknown variables. We will begin the year by understanding the basic concept of variables and how to carry out different operations with whole numbers. Grading will be a mixture of accuracy and completion. If an assignment receives a

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History: History is the story of people through place and time; it is an art. We approach our study of history by examining human beings and the lives they lived. In doing so, we teach students to look for, to understand, to analyze, and to tell stories. As in science, grading is based on our scholars' effort, depth of inquiry, sense of wonder, and following directions, with a minimum of 9 graded assignments per quarter. This year we embark on our historical journey by learning about the first Americans and their sophisticated way of life.

Science: Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! The natural world is ordered, beautiful, and capable of being known. Our goal is to awaken within our scholars a sense of wonder and the need for deep inquiry into all aspects of the natural world. Grading is based on our scholars' effort, depth of inquiry, sense of wonder, and following directions. We will have a minimum of 9 graded assignments per quarter. We will begin the year by exploring the “Scientific Method” and what it means to think like a scientist. Scholars will be surprised to learn how scientific they already are in their day-to-day lives.