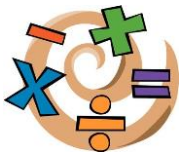




... from Mrs. Silverthorne

November begins and progress reports are on the way. By now, students should be well aware of my expectations for completing work and classroom behaviors. I give lots of opportunities for submitting work and numerous extensions. However, in Grade 6, students need to take responsibility for getting their work done and handing it in, and for making plans to complete tasks.

In Language, we continue to work every week on the writing process, including topic development and editing/revising. Some of the text forms we have explored include interviews, information articles, poems, letters to the editor, and recipes. For our Friday journals, we have so far explored using reading strategies such as summarizing, inferring and making connections. Our main focus for journals and other reading responses is on writing clearly, using evidence from the text and our own ideas. We are currently enjoying a serial story from The Hamilton Spectator entitled "Heat", which is about firefighting in Hamilton. Be sure to encourage reading and talking about books at home.



We are moving right along in math! You should have received the most recent math test to sign. It involved a few difficult concepts, including multi-digit division and multiplication, prime numbers, factors, and order of operations.

Some students showed they were still struggling with some of these ideas, so we will revisit them later on in the year. Our data management unit is just about done as well. Students will be working on a culminating assignment that will include creating a survey, completing it, graphing the data, and justifying their choices. Most students are moving well through their timestables. Students should continue to practice at home.

We have completed our Space unit in Science, and are now focusing more of our time on Social Studies (Communities in Canada: Past and Present). Students just presented mini-projects on First Nations communities in Canada, and will next look at immigration. Discuss at home the history of your family and how you came to be Canadian.



Don't forget Gym stuff! Remember that students are to change every day (t-shirt and shorts are preferred) and have proper footwear (running shoes). Our gym days are Days 1, 3 and 5.

Have a great November!!  
Mrs. Silverthorne