



# Weekly News

ACADEMIC NEWS- LOOKING AHEAD

1- 6 -12

**MATH-** Skills: multiplication, place value through ten thousands, ordering and comparing numbers, large numbers, estimating, decimals, fractions, place value in decimals, and review of skills previously learned. **Practice addition and subtraction facts daily.** We are currently memorizing the multiplication facts for 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

**Progress check: 0 –6, 7, 8, 9 multiplication tables- 40 problems in 3 minutes on Friday (Students know which facts they are working on.)**

**WORD STUDY/ SPELLING-** Skill: “in”

**Test:** Thursday, January 12

**GRAMMAR-** Skill: adjectives

**Test:** Friday, January 13

DOL practice

Cursive handwriting

**READING-** Selection: Brave As a Mountain Lion

Skills: visualizing, vocabulary, real and fiction, suffixes, phonics, encyclopedias

**Selection checkup:** Friday, January 13

**\*\*\*\* AR requirement- at least 10 points with at least 86% accuracy**

**SOCIAL STUDIES/ SCIENCE-** Fossils

Skills: investigate fossils as evidence of organisms that lived long ago, explain how fossils are formed, identify species that are extinct

Vocabulary: fossils, body fossils, trace fossils, preserved, mineralized fossils, perish, petrified, extinct, endangered, paleontologist

**Test:** Wednesday, January 11

**SPECIALS: Monday- Computer, Tuesday- PE, Wednesday-Art, Thursday - Music, Friday- SS**

## OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations to all of our students who earned their 10 AR points with 85% accuracy the second nine weeks. We will be partying soon!!!**

We will begin a few new things with the third nine weeks. Monday's homework will be a reading story (SRA) and questions. Students have been provided a notebook to record answers. Students must NOT write on the SRA card. I have prepared the notebook to contain the SRA card. These cards are part of a VERY expensive kit and cannot be purchased separately. Students are responsible for keeping up with the card and notebook. This homework will be sent home on Monday and should be completed and returned on Tuesday. If cards are lost, the student will not be able to bring home another card, but will need to complete the assignment at school.

We will also begin having "cold reads". These are stories that students will read to themselves and answer questions about. This will aid in preparation for the CRCT where students will be reading the entire test to themselves.

Please help me out. You know your child best. If he or she is sick and unable to function in school, please keep the student at home. As much as we want all of our children at school, we want to control the spread of illness as much as possible. Please don't send your child to school with the message "call me if you don't feel better". This insures the student will want to call you. The nurse does call parents to pick students up when the student is running a fever or vomiting.

I am providing extension activities for students interested in extending their learning. These activities are NOT required.

Please look over the contents of the weekly folder, sign the materials on the "return to school" side of the folder, and return it on the first school day of the week. Remember to check the parent portal for grades and attendance. <https://go2.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/parent/wps/portal>

Students should be reading and practicing math facts each evening. AR requirements for the first nine weeks include earning 10 AR points with at least 85% accuracy.

If you should need to check your child out of school before dismissal time, please send me a note the morning of the early dismissal. This will allow us to be prepared. If your child checks out of school early, enters school late, or is absent, they will have missed instruction and assignments. I will provide a list of the activities missed. Students are responsible for making up any missed work. Refer to the handbook for information on making up missed work. Ask your child to see the list of missed assignments and assist them in promptly making up the work. Please sign the assignment sheet and return it with the makeup work.

As you notice on our class schedule, we have frequent bathroom and water breaks. Please encourage your child to use the restroom during our scheduled visits. When students must leave class to go to the restroom, they miss instruction.