

November Highlights

Math

Earlier this month, students completed a compound shapes project. Using various shapes, they created a figure and then measured its area.



During virtual learning, students will review their geometry skills as well as basic multiplication and division facts. Find goals and assignments in this week's [math lesson plan](#).

Social Studies

Sixth grade students began the month learning how we elect our President. We discussed what the Electoral College is and how each state receives a certain number of votes.

As the election began, we started watching the coverage and noting how individual states voted, recording the vote count as information came in.



Aside from the election, we also have been discussing "Prehistory" - the time in human history before writing. This week we are discussing how humans transitioned from "Hunter/Gatherer" societies to Agriculture!

Discover what students are learning in this week's [social studies lesson plan](#).

Science

6th grade students just finished up their chemistry unit. They will now learn about the Kingdoms of Life. All of their assignments and daily lesson videos are available on Google Classroom. To see this week's agenda, view the [science lesson plan](#).

English Language Arts

Each 6th grade student chose a novel to read independently. As students read, they work through a packet that is similar to the packet they completed while reading [Bridge to Terabithia](#). Their goal is to identify story elements such as characters, setting, plot, and theme.

Students' assignment during virtual learning is to finish their book and their packet. (Students have paper copies). Students are welcome to work at their own pace, but if they need guidance, they can follow the daily activity schedule in this week's [ELA lesson plan](#).



I have created a [schedule](#) of small group Zoom meetings for ELA this week. This gives students a chance to talk to peers who are reading similar novels, and it gives me a chance to check in with them. It is highly recommended that they attend their session. If they cannot attend at their scheduled time, I can switch them to another one; they just need to let me know.

School Counseling

During this time of uncertainty young people and adults may, at times, feel stressed and overwhelmed. I'm sharing this great virtual calming room from District 196 in Minnesota that can be used by anyone to bring some calm during these times:

<https://district196org.finalsite.com/about/calm-room>

Also, check out some additional social and emotional health resources from our website:

<https://www.gcsd.k12.wi.us/faculty/laffin/otherresources.cfm>

Please reach out to me if I can help support you and your 6th grader in any way.

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