**Math Minute**

This quarter, our Scholars will be learning how **VARIABLES** impact **RELATIONSHIPS** between **integers** and the **coordinate plane**. Students will use integers (positive and negative numbers) in an ordered way to locate points on a coordinate plane

Be sure to remind your Scholar to log into Compass Learning each day. This powerful computer based program is a way for students to experience math tutorials at home online. The URL for Compass Learning is:

www.compasslearningodyssey.com

**Science Corner**

In Science we are continuing to work with Energy on a quest to find and explain the relationships between energy and matter. We are defining HEAT and TEMPERATURE, THERMAL ENERGY, Electromagnetic spectrum, Radiation, Convection and Conduction. By the end, we should be able to answer the question: Why is the sky blue?

**Literacy**

1.  Students receive a **weekly homework log** that lists the homework for the week.  The log requires a parent signature each night to ensure that families are aware of what skills, ideas, and concepts 6th grade scholars will be practicing each week.

2.  This quarter we will continue our study of story plot and character development. As a culminating activity to this unit, the sixth grade will be traveling to Children’s Theater to see the stage play **Scrooge**! The cost for this trip will be $8.00 per student. Check your student’s work folder for more details and payment information.

3.  We are incorporating **two** powerful communication tools this year to help parents stay in the loop with school happenings.  If you have not already done so, please sign up for **Class Dojo** and **Remind**.  These messages go directly to your phone text message, tablet, or computer. Visit our Weebly to learn how to sign up for both.

**Reminders:**

December 9 - Holiday Performance

December 10 - Field Trip: Scrooge!

December22 – Jan 2 Winter Break

December 10-  Field Trip—SCROOGE! (Children’s Theater)

**DON’T FORGET:**

**Box Tops for Education**

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PTO MEMBERSHIP $5.00

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGHT THE YEAR: [www.spiritandpride.com](http://www.spiritandpride.com) School ID # 168261

**Greetings from the 6th Grade Team!**

Math: Ms. Reynolds

Literacy: Ms. Ari

Science /Social Studies: Ms. Strawn

**Social Studies Adventures**

We have started exploring the River Valley Civilizations: Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, the Indus River, Ancient China, African kingdoms and Mayan Civilizations.

We have learned the characteristics of civilization and will use primary and secondary sources to determine if the fore mentioned civilizations fit the criteria.

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