**Math Minute**

3rd Quarter has begun and we are continuing our study of Algebra. Students are focusing on algebraic expressions, properties, and using variables to represent numerical values. Students will also be using algebra to solve real world problems. Students will continue to apply the thinking skills of WISE, NOTE, and GIST to unpack word problems for understanding and solutions within the mathematical study of algebra.

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**Reminders:**

February 10: Field Trip- Movie: Selma

February 13-16: Teacher Workday

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

Math: Ms. Reynolds

Literacy: Ms. Ari

Science /Social Studies: Ms. Strawn

**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. Research shows that in order to increase **one reading level** in a school year, students **MUST** read a **MINUMUM** of **TWO HOURS** daily. Help your child grow as a reader, by ensuring that they are reading at home at least 30 minutes!!!

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 sixth grade weebly to learn how to sign up for both.

**Social Studies Adventures**

During the month of February students will explore the Classical Foundations of Greece and Rome. The points of focus in this unit include how the Greek and Roman cultures have contributed to other civilizations in the areas of politics, science, philosophy, arts. athletics and language. They will discover the root of democracy and be able to compare different forms of government. They will create a project on Greek and Roman mythology.

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**Science Corner:**

Students are continuing to explore earth’s structures and systems. They have learned the major layers of the Earth. They can explain how the movements of the tectonic plates results in mountain formation, earthquakes and volcanoes. Students will focus on soil formation and different earth processes that affect the wellbeing of humans.