



Roberto Clemente Leadership Academy Middle School Newsletter

7th Grade Math:

Students in Mr. Bundo's 7th grade math class will be diving in to expressions and equations for the upcoming month. Students will be creating linear equations and relating the rate of change to issues in Panama. They will be implementing these skills to create tables, graphs, and verbal descriptions. They will continue to represent these numbers on the number line.

7th Grade ELA:

October was an exciting and productive month for seventh grade students in Language Arts. We finished reading our short story unit, have almost completed "The House on Mango Street" and have begun typing our final draft of our personal narratives. We are preparing to switch gears as we begin exploring non-fiction and the history of brain science in the reading of Phineas Gage. In November we will increasingly be utilizing the technology available in the school as we work more in Google classroom and collaborate with our science teacher as we begin exploring non-fiction topics.

8th Grade ELA:

Welcome to the next phase of our students' voyage on analyzing texts. So far we have read some very interesting short stories such as, *The Lottery*, *Love*, and the classic "the Most Dangerous Game". The students have done well in being focused on the lessons at hand and with deciphering these deep thinking stories which have some very intense layers. We have also done some stories of our own. Students have created short stories with a focus on life in Brazil, which is our target country. Very good imaginations which are all being prepared for our core novel "House on mango Street" which is, indeed, a classic by Sylvia Cisneros. This story is unique in the way that it is told which makes it even more interesting and relevant. This will be a very joyous read and I look forward to it. Ask your children to explain our previous stories to get a better idea of what we are doing! Thank You!!

Bilingual Language Arts:

Con éxito hemos publicado nuestras historias y estoy tan emocionada para mostrárselas durante nuestras conferencias. Trabajado muy duro para crear estas historias e hizo la edición para asegurarse de que estaban listos para publicarse. Este mes seguimos aprender más sobre Brasil y lo que hace este país único, incluyendo algunos de los aspectos culturales. Será entonces investigar e investigar las cuestiones relacionadas con este país.

8th Grade Math:

This month students study functions and function concepts, including domain, range, slope as rate of change, and intercepts. Students write linear functions given a point and a slope, two points, a table of values, an arithmetic sequence, or a graph. They collect and model data with linear, quadratic, or exponential functions.

Please students, continue to come to class prepared with your homework, take great notes in class and participate during class discussion. You will go to high school next year well prepared and understand what is going on in math class. You will be very happy that you learned so much this year. Keep up the great work.

7th and 8th Science:

Wow! I cannot even believe the quarter is already over! In 8th grade, we have been working hard on our roller coasters and they are coming out wonderful! In 7th grade, we are finishing up research and starting to create our eco-friendly rehabilitation center for animals in Panama. I am super excited to see all these finished products! Students have been given a list of missing work they have science class and have a week to turn in any missing assignment for credit. Any assignments I do not receive at the end of the week (8th grade Wednesday November 7 and 7th grade Thursday November 8) will be entered into the gradebook as a zero. Multiple zeros will severely affect their quarter 1 grade. If you have,= any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out- sabrina.couceiro@new-haven.k12.ct.us school year!

Points of Interest:

☺ Students who wear their uniforms, bring in HW and show Cougar Pride in their attitude and effort will be rewarded with incentives

☺ 11/6- NO SCHOOL!

☺ 11/12- NO SCHOOL!

☺ 11/14- CONFERENCES!

☺ 11/21- HALF-DAY!

☺ 11/22 & 23- NO SCHOOL!

☺ HAPPY TURKEY DAY !

☺ A copy of this newsletter can be found at:

www.Rclamiddleschool.weebly.com

7th and 8th Social Studies:

7th grade students have finished their study on the Continents of North and South America and are now traveling to the continent of Africa. This month we are looking at how geography affects culture. Our focus will be on the major river valley civilizations and how they have influenced and supported the waterways in which they settled. 8th grade students will be examining the Deceleration of Independence and having a deeper understanding of why our Independence was so important. Students are ready to explore more about their magnet countries of Panama and Brazil. Students will identify issues that are currently impacting Panama and Brazil and will explain the connections between the physical and human characteristics of a region and the identity of individuals and cultures living there.