

Bilingual Middle School --- March Newsletter

Room 306-5th and 6th- Liang and Room 310-7th and 8th - Ruan

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Middle School ELA Literacy/Novel Study: Both rooms will **CONTINUE** to actively engage the students in reading and studying a new novel based on the main theme that is connected to the basal. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* (306) and *WONDER* (310). Within the stories, students will learn about literary elements, comprehension skills, critical thinking skills, and annotation. They will also write reflections, finish projects, and create POWERPOINT presentations.

306 -5th/6th We will focus on vocabulary development, plot elements, types of conflicts, story devices, and character traits using *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. We will incorporate school's social emotional learning theme with ELA and Social Studies each month. Students are encouraged to read 30 minutes on a nightly basis to make reading a lifelong habit. Students also read informational texts and practices skills by going to KidsA-Z and NewsELA. The concentration for this month is current events and biographies.

310 - 7th/8th Literacy/Novel Study: Main Theme: Culture, Identity, Acceptance. Students started to read the new novel, *WONDER* by R.J. Palacio that match the theme within the basal. Within the stories, students will learn about comprehension skills, annotation, think-pair-share, write reflections and create POWERPOINT presentations.

Students will read stories/informational texts that focus on identity and culture (diversity) in Unit 1. The skills we are focusing on include: learning how to annotate with texts; identifying theme/central idea, analyzing the elements of a short story; analyzing the story's plot development; applying vocabulary in a specific domain; using context clues to figure out the

meanings of the unfamiliar words from affixes with Greek and Latin roots.

ELA Literacy/Writing Across the Content:

306 - **5th/6th** - Students will practice writing reflections concentrated with the trait voice of the 6 writing traits. They will also learn how to find evidences in the texts to support their ideas.

310 - 7th/8th - Students are currently paired up with partners to write letters to their penpal at Roosevelt University. They are also continuing to learning how to write MEL-Con by implementing 6 traits of writing with main idea, evidence, link and conclusions. Writing Across the Content Areas: Narratives, Expository Writing, Poetry; Article Reflections/Exit Slips.

FREE 60/Intervention RIT Band Focus

***Students are grouped according to their NWEA Reading RIT scores for both native language or/and ESL from Ms. Cheung, Ms. Liang and Ms. Ruan. *** Our focus is to enhance students' vocabulary skills by implementing different reading strategies to guide them to build on more academic vocabulary words. Ms. Ruan plays "Musical Card", each student will pick a vocabulary card when the music stops, by incorporating "Chicago Run" activities (by doing different morning exercises like jumping jack, lunges, yoga posts accompanied with listening to their favorite English songs) to engage students in learning more vocabulary and apply those words in daily conversations (writing sentences with those newly words). Mrs. Liang focuses on grade 5 - 8 prefixes and suffixes (hypo-, hyper-, -ology, and -phobia) for this month. Students pair up to study the words and teach the words to the entire class. They also perform read-around review and play kahoot game to reinforce the new words. Students take weekly quiz and monthly unit test.

Middle School Math:

This month the students from the following grades are learning:

306 - 5th - Topic 7: Use Equivalent Fractions to Add and Subtract Fractions

306 - 6th - Topic 3: Numeric and Algebraic Expressions

310 - 8th - Prentice Hall - Chapter 9 Geometry and Measurements

7th - Prentice Hall - Chapter 8- Geometry and Chapter 9 Measurements

enVision Math: Topic 8- Solve Problems Involving Surface Area and Volume: How can you find volume and surface areas of three-dimensional figure?

Middle School Science:

306 and 310 - **Chemical Magic** This unit helps students develop the concepts of "substances" and "chemical reactions." Students see that chemical reactions enable us to make new materials by transforming the ones we have. The results of these reactions are interesting and sometimes profoundly useful.

Incorporating science link: <http://www.mysteryscience.com>

Middle School Social Science:

306 -- Students continue to learn about 50 states along with its capital by locating where each state is; knowing the facts about the American flag; They will identify the cultures that developed in different parts of North America. Locating places on the map -- World and US Geography; current events; news articles on newsela and brainpop

310 -- **Constitution:** Students started learning about Constitution. Locating places on the map -- World and US Geography; current events; news articles on newsela and brainpop

310 -- Incorporating Character Education as Part of the Social Studies curriculum:

310 - 7th/8th - Haines MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAITS: COOPERATION

Students will focus on character traits, communication skills and ways to show acts of kindness to others as becoming good citizens in order to promote positive learning environment with **TEACHER GOTCHA**. Students will be recognized on the weekly basis with this gold slip of **TEACHER GOTCHA** to honor students who display the monthly trait, show acts of kindness to others with love and care, taking own responsibility to care for their own individual learning, show respect to everyone at school, being honest citizens, be brave or take courage to share their ideas/thoughts in class, and be more self-discipline in paying attention in class and taking more ownership of her/his own learning.

Lunch and Recess:

12:00-12:45 for Rooms 306 and 310

Important February Dates:

- March 9 (Fri.)- Progress Reports send home 第三季度成績進度表發放
- March 11 – Daylight Savings Begins 夏令時開始
- March 17– St. Patrick’s Day 聖帕特里克節
- March 19-23 School Spirit Week 學校精神週
- March /26 – March 30: No school in observance of Spring Break. 春假（學校放假一週）

Stars of the Week for month of March:

Ms. Ruan - 310

Ms. Liang - 306

03/05/2018 - YiQi Kuang

Danny Shi

03/12/2018 - XiaoLin Liang

Jiecong Weng

03/19/2018 - WenQiang Wu

Thalia Wu

03/26/2018 - KaWing Mei

Zhihao Zeng

Ancillary Class Schedule

Room	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
310 (Enrichment Classes are from 9:00-10:00 a.m.; 10:00-11:00 every first Thursdays of the month - DANCE)	LIBRARY	DANCE	MUSIC	TECH (DANCE - every first Thursdays of the month @10:00am)	PE
306 (Enrichment Classes are from 8:00-9:00p.m. except Thursday 10:00 for Music)	Gym	Library	Dance	Music	Art