

Bilingual Middle School --- November 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 actively engage the students to read and study a new novel based on the main theme that is connected to the basal. **Dear Mr. Henshaw** (306) and **Rules** (310). Within the stories, students will learn about literary elements, comprehension skills, critical thinking skills, higher-order thinking questions created by students on kahoot it, annotation, and write reflections.

306 -5th/6th We will focus on vocabulary development, comprehension skills and strategies, spelling patterns, and the 6 +1 writing traits using **Dear Mr. Henshaw**. 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.

310 - 7th/8th Literacy/Novel Study: Main Theme: Culture, Identity, **Rules by Cynthia Lord** Students will be CONTINUING to read the novel, RULE that match the theme within the basal. Within the stories, students will learn about comprehension skills, annotation, and write reflections.

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 friendly letters and reflections using the 6 writing traits. They will also learn how to find evidences in the texts to support their ideas.

310 - 7th/8th - Students are learning how to critique one's another writing with both positive and negative feedbacks. They also are learning how to practice their questioning and answering techniques with given stems. Writing Across the Content Areas: Narratives and Comparative Writing ; Article Reflections; writing **CER** (claim, evidence, reasoning) with explanations.

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. ***

Middle School Math:

This month the students from the following grades are learning:

306 - 5th - Fluently Multiply Multi-Digit Whole Numbers

306 - 6th - Integers and Rational Numbers

310 - 8th - Prentice Hall -Chapter 12 Algebraic Relationships

7th - Prentice Hall - Chapter 10 Ratios, Rates, and Proportions

enVision Math: Topic 5 - Analyze and Solve Systems of Linear Equations

Middle School Science:

306 and 310 - **Water Cycle.** Students will learn water cycle through answering the four big idea questions: Do we really drink the same water that dinosaurs did? Why don't rivers and lakes soak into the ground? What makes deserts so dry? Can we run out of water? The Big Ideas teach students: 1. how water is continuously recycled; 2. fresh water is stored beneath Earth's surface as groundwater; 3. how the forces of weather and the shape of the land determine where precipitation falls; 4. fresh water is a limited resource we must conserve.

Middle School Social Science:

306 and 310 -- **History:** Students will explain how early people reached the Americas, and describe their ways of life. Students learn how Christopher Columbus discovered the New World. They will identify the cultures that developed in different parts of North America. They will describe the powerful civilizations that arose in the Americas. Locating places on the map -- World Geography; current events on newsela and brainpop

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

310 - 7th/8th - 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 daily basis with this gold slip of **TEACHER GOTCHA** to honor students who 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 November Dates:

November 6, 2017 - 8th Grade Field Trip to Little Kids Rock Kick Off Concert

November 11, 2017 - NO SCHOOL in observance of Veteran's Day

November 13, 2017 - PAC Meeting

November 16, 2017 - LSC Meeting

Stars of the Week for month of NOVEMBER:

Ms. Ruan - 310

Ms. Liang - 306

11/06/2017 - Earl Zhu

QUancheng Li

11/13/2017 - JiaQi Chen

Yaowen Li

11/27/2017 - XiaoXuan Zhen

Ye Li

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