



6th Grade Mustang Minute

October
2021

Important Dates & Reminders

**** For daily lessons and practice, check Itslearning ****

10/5: LMMS vs. Vickery @ EFHS- 6:30
8th Grade Recognition Night

10/11: Family Connect Night

10/12: LMMS vs. Hendricks @ WFHS- 6:30

9/13: End of 1st 9 weeks

9/15: Drama Play (Edwina-6:00 pm and Bookshop-7:30 pm)

10/19: Band Fall Showcase-5:30 pm in LMMS Gym

10/20: Early Release, Conferences,
& Girls BBall Tryouts

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10/22: No School & Haunted Corn Maze at Warbington Farms 6:00-9:30 pm

10/25: Boys BBall Tryouts

10/26: Boys BBall Tryouts

Red Ribbon Week

October 25-October 29

Schedule

Monday- Skinny Day

Tuesday- A Day

Wednesday- B Day

Thursday- A Day

Friday- B Day

Class Information

ELA

We are beginning Unit 2, reading "Animal Allies"- and the focus will be on informational reading and writing. Students will continue to write and build different types of narrative pieces as well; strengthening their confidence in writing first person accounts. Please encourage reading at home.

Math

In math, we are working on the first $\frac{1}{2}$ of Unit 2 which covers finding Greatest Common Factor (GCF) and Least Common Denominator (LCF), reviewing fractions, and multiplying/dividing fractions. If your student comes home chanting Keep, Change, Flip (Reciprocate), they are recalling the process of dividing fractions!

We have added "homework" to 6th grade math. The homework covers material from previous units as a way to help material stay fresh in our students' minds. It is assigned on Monday and is to be completed by Friday. This should not take your student more than 15 minutes to complete.

Finally, we are reminding students that they can "up their math game" by taking advantage of the videos and practice "games" that are posted in itslearning for each day. Spending a few minutes a couple of times per week reviewing material covered in class can really have a significant impact on student learning.

Science

We are currently wrapping up the Solar System and



Beyond Unit and students will be taking Unit 1 Test B on 10/5 and 10/6. Then, we will begin our Unit on Earth, Moon, and Sun. Students will be modeling phases of the moon, how Earth moves in Space, and seasons.

Social Studies

This month, we will begin learning about the geography and culture of Europe! These are the learning targets we will cover in our next unit:

- I can locate on a world map the following physical and political features: the Danube River, Rhine River, English Channel, Mediterranean Sea, European Plain, the Alps, Pyrenees, Ural Mountains, Iberian Peninsula (physical map) France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom (political map)
- I can explain the causes and effects of acid rain in Germany.
- I can explain the causes and effects of air pollution in the United Kingdom.
- I can explain the causes and effects of the nuclear disaster in Chernobyl, Ukraine.
- I can explain how location, climate and natural resources impact trade and where people live in Germany, the UK, and Russia.
- I can describe the diversity of the languages spoken within Europe.
- I can identify the key characteristics of the major religions in Europe: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Advanced and Accelerated Classes

ELA	Adv/Acc. Math	Science	Social Studies
<p>We are presently finishing Unit 1/Part 2 with our novel study, <i>Flipped</i>, by Wendelin Van Draanen. Our summative over this novel will be: A Day: October 7th, B Day: October 8th.</p>	<p>Advanced and Accelerated math students are working on our Number Systems Unit. This includes standards from 6th and 7th grade math that relate to fraction and decimal operations with positive and negative</p>	<p>We are currently wrapping up the Solar System and Beyond Unit and students will be taking Unit 1 Test B on 10/5 and 10/6. Then, we will begin our Unit on Earth, Moon, and Sun. Students will begin the first Argument Driven Inquiry Lab of the year on Moon Phases.</p>	<p>As we enter our unit on Europe, students will be encouraged to pursue a project based on an area of focus they are interested in that is related to the learning targets for this unit.</p>

<p>Students will continue demonstrating their knowledge of narrative writing by writing an alternate ending to the novel while focusing on the importance of effective dialogue to advance the plot while maintaining the author's tone.</p> <p>Later this month, we will begin analyzing poetry and writing poems as narratives from a character's perspective.</p> <p>* Grammar is embedded daily in our lessons with an emphasis on pronoun case.</p>	<p>numbers. Students will have their next summative at the end of October. Please continue to check itslearning nightly for additional resources and practices and encourage your student to practice integer operations daily on www.thatquiz.org.</p>		
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Counselor's Corner

In September, students participated in a lesson on how to make friends and keep them. They learned social strategies to help them navigate the social aspects of 6th grade.

In October, students will learn about the Wellness Triangle. This lesson focuses on the importance of balancing physical, social, and mental health.

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Family Engagement News

All students need digital citizenship skills to participate fully in their communities and make smart choices online and in life. In the month of October, we are challenging all of our Little Mill families to have critical conversations surrounding digital usage and online safety. The families will have the opportunity to sign up for Conversation Starter Cards that will address timely topics and prepare students to take ownership of their digital lives.

All of the information and resources will be sent via mail so please be on the lookout for great resources from Little Mill Title I.

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