

The Weekly Update

Hello all,

I hope you enjoyed your weekend together. We've had a busy last couple of weeks and it shouldn't slow down this week! Our math studies continue as we breakdown the process of multiplication and division of decimals. I previously mentioned that we would have the module 1 test on Thursday, but it will now be on Friday for a couple of reasons. I hope you, as parents, saw your student's mid module test come home. I know there was some difficulty for the students on what was expected for the mid module test. We talked through the expectations and I had given each student a chance to improve their grade by taking their test home and updating their errors. Only one person took advantage of this! I do not plan on giving this chance all that often, but am planning to offer this option for the end of module test if necessary. I hope that the students will take advantage this time.

I started DRA testing last week with each student. They are working on the comprehension component this week. This test will give me a good idea of their reading prowess and how I can best help them excel this year. Our MAP testing will take place this week and next. This test is similar to a standardized test, but more useful in helping pinpoint areas of strength and areas to improve. Mrs. Sweeney will be administering the tests, one in math, reading and language mechanics. Their reading test will be on Monday, 9/17, language on 9/20 and math on 9/25.

Thursday is our Back to School Night and I hope you can all attend. I will be going through the curriculum more and breakdown our school year a bit further. I'm also available for any questions you may have. I look forward to spending time with you. As a reminder, this is tailored for adults only.

Our week will include lessons in parts of speech, narrative writing, Sign of the Beaver reading, properties of matter and introduction to the coordinates around the world. Overall, the students learned a lot about their chosen Native American tribes. We will digest all of the info further this week.

I hope you all have a wonderful week ahead!

Mr. Paul Giddens

Homework for the week:

Language: Wordly Wise 5 Lesson 4. A link to the Wordly Wise is on Google Classroom

History: Work involving the coordinates and time zones

Reading: Read 30 minutes daily and fill out reading log.

Math: : Nightly homework will be assigned from lessons 14-16. Test on Friday