

# What's New in Marking Period 2??

## Updates from Miss Carro's Classes...



### Grade 5 Reading & Language Arts

The fifth graders have begun learning about the non-fiction genre. They recently read letters and are about to begin reading a short biography. They will continue to read and analyze other sorts of non-fiction texts as well.

The students are extremely proud to have recently finished publishing their personal narratives! They were beautifully written and truly expressed the students' thoughts on a particular life experience.

For the next assignment, the fifth graders will write an informative paragraph. They will then segway into writing a short research paper, following a step by step process. They will find book and internet sources, gather notes, compose a rough draft, revise and edit their papers, publish their final copies, and also create a PowerPoint presentation to present to the class that correlates with their papers.



## **Grade 6 Reading & Language Arts**

The sixth graders recently finished reading the historical novel, *The Devil's Arithmetic*, by Jane Yolen. They are to be commended for their dedication in employing comprehension strategies throughout their reading. In addition, the class discussions centered on the novel were highly meaningful.

Next, we will venture into reading non-fiction texts. The students will read and analyze essays, articles, biographies, and autobiographies.

Furthermore, the sixth graders will learn how to write a research paper and journey through the process, step by step. They will find book and internet sources, gather notes, compose a rough draft, revise and edit their papers, publish their final copies, and also create a PowerPoint presentation to present to the class that correlates with their papers.



## **Grade 6 Math**

The students have diligently begun their study of the extensive topic of fractions. They have recently mastered finding equivalent fractions and reducing fractions to their simplest form. Next, they will learn about the relationship between fractions, decimals, and mixed numbers.

## Grade 6 Social Studies

The sixth graders have been studying the ways of life of early people. They learned about the ways of survival and culture of hunters and gatherers as well as herders and farmers. They also studied the development of early settlements and cities. On the horizon is the study of civilizations within the Tigris and Euphrates river valleys.

