



Rachel Carson Diverse Learning Team

Happy fall from our team to your family!

Ms. Claire Roberts: The 6<sup>th</sup> grade diverse learners are off to a great school year! The students are almost done with their NWEA Reading and Math assessments and will soon be completing Science. Our first language arts unit, *Meeting Challenges*, is coming to an exciting end too! In math we are continuing to study Rational Numbers. The students are very excited to participate in their Science projects with Mrs. Hernandez as well! Please remember to ask your student to read every night for 30 minutes and practice their multiplication facts to increase fluency! As always, please feel free to contact me at [cmroberts2@cps.edu](mailto:cmroberts2@cps.edu) with any questions or concerns!

Ms. Hathaway: The year has started off great, and we are already learning so much! So far, we have had 100% for perfect attendance, which is awesome!!! Starting this week, we will begin our unit on Story Elements and how different story elements impact our reading experience. At the end of the unit, students will also be able to write their own stories, using what they have learned about story elements. In math, second grade will continue working on place value and understanding that two digit numbers contain a tens and ones place. 3rd grade will be finishing our unit on estimating and rounding numbers. 4th grade will work more on understanding place value of numbers up to the hundred thousands by comparing numbers using a number line, rounding numbers, and eventually adding these numbers with regrouping. Of course, we will be doing Halloween themed activities to support the learning of these objectives as well! Please remember to have your child read at least 30 minutes a night, and as always, feel free to contact me with any questions you might have!

Ms. La Spina: Happy Fall! Eighth graders are currently working on rational and irrational numbers in math class. We are digging deeper into learning how to compare rational numbers, using scientific notation to express larger quantities, and positive/negative exponents. In reading, we are continuing to work on our decoding skills when reading unfamiliar words. We will soon begin a new decoding program called "Corrective Reading" to strengthen our decoding skills to enhance each student's comprehension and fluency while reading. We will be working on this during reading 4-5 days a week. A parent letter will be sent home once we begin this new journey in reading to further explain this program. I continue to look forward to seeing each student grow in their reading and math skills!

Important Dates

October 6 - 5 Week Progress Reports are sent home

October 9 - Columbus Day - No Classes

October 10 - After School Tutoring Starts

October 11 - Pre-K - 3rd Parent Coffees during grade level meetings

October 12 - 4th - 8th Parent Coffees during grade level meetings

October 12 - BAC Parent Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.

October 13 - NCLB Parent Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.

October 18 - Dual Language Open House @ 3:00 p.m.

October 19 - Middle School High School Fair at 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

October 26 - Family Science Night @ 4:30 p.m.

October 27 - Pre-K to 7th Grade Picture Day

October 31 - Halloween

Leigh Roberts: Hello parents! 7th grade has gotten off to a great start. We have completed the NWEA Math and Reading tests, and we are working on the Science test over the next two weeks. In Reading class, we are currently reading the novel *Holes* as a class. Be sure to ask your student about it! In addition to our book and comprehension, we also have a weekly spelling list and test, we are working on phonics, vocabulary, and beginning writing skills. In Math class, we are working on our unit called "Integers" and students are learning and practicing how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide integers. We also have daily word problems, to get us ready for the NWEA! Your students would also benefit from your support with their upcoming Science projects for Ms. Pawelec, as each student is expected to complete a Science project for the year. Students still have plenty of time before it is due, but your support at home along the way will help them to be successful. Thanks for all you do! As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

Ms. Webster: We are full steam ahead in Mrs. Webster's room! The past few weeks the students have been working hard on NWEA MAP testing. They did an awesome job on Reading, Math, and Science. Moving forward we will begin nightly math and reading practice. Be sure to work with your students as these will count for their home work grades. I look forward to working closely with you to create a year full of growth and success. As always, feel free to contact me at [sewebster@cps.edu](mailto:sewebster@cps.edu).

Ms. Fronk: Happy October! I cannot believe how quickly September went. We have been working very hard on short vowel sounds, letter/sound recognition and story elements. We will continue those this month and also begin sight word recognition. This will help with reading comprehension and fluency. Please read with your child every night, in English or in Spanish! I will also begin sending homework home with the 2nd graders a couple of times a week in the areas we are working on. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or