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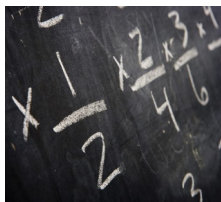
What's new in 6th Grade?

FUN WITH MATH!

For the past two months in math, the Deer Trail 6th graders have experienced many new things!

We have learned about:

- *Order of Operations
- *Perimeter and Area
- *Measuring Lengths
- *Graphs
- *Frequency Tables
- *Mean, Median, and Mode
- *Probability
- *Stem and Leaf Plots
- *Box and Whisker Plots



During our measuring lengths unit, the students went around the classroom and playground measuring different objects.

While learning about probability, the class had a lab where we used animal crackers to find outcomes. We used questions such as, "What is the probability that we will draw an animal cracker that has hooves?" or "What is the probability that we will draw an animal that can be domesticated?" The kids really had fun with this activity, and of course they got to eat the animal crackers at the end!

We are currently learning about box and whisker plots which is a lot of fun. The kids collect data and then place it into a box and whisker plot. Ask them to show you some of their work! It's amazing!

So far this year, we have reviewed Colorado State Standards:

- *1.1
- *1.3
- *2.2
- *3.1
- *4.1

ALL ABOUT WRITING!!

The kids have been working very hard on numerous writing activities! The past two months we have learned about sentence and paragraph structure, different parts of a sentence, as well as different writing pieces such as poetry and biogra-

phies. The 6th grade has also written an essay about drug awareness for the Elks Writing Contest. The essays will be judged at the town level, and if the students win, they will win a savings bond and be sent on to the district level. If they place

from there, they will be sent on to the national level! The kids are very excited for this contest and have written some fantastic essays. On the next page you can find students' essays. ENJOY!!

Colorado State Standards reviewed:

- *1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1

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Special points of interest:

- Writing samples from your children!
- Highlights from JH Sports!
- Upcoming events!
- Community Participation!
- What's happening next month?
- Question/concerns?
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“I Choose Not to Use.....”

By Seth Addleman and Emily Thain

I choose not to use drugs in any way, shape or form. Once you use a drug like cocaine, you can never stop using drugs. Another thing that is addicting is alcohol which can cause kidney failure, hallucination, and you can overdose. You can also overdose with drugs which can kill you. With Crystal Meth, it makes you high so you feel like you are invincible. With meth, you can overdose and not even know about it. You are not able to grow old with your loved ones like your mom, dad, wife, sister, brother, and

even your friends. That is why we should not use drugs like weed, meth, and cocaine!

-By Seth Addleman

I choose not to use drugs, meth, and alcohol because it turns you upside down! Crystal meth makes you ugly in your soul and on your face and arms. It hurts you and your family. It makes your teeth fall out, gives you sores all over, and makes you short-tempered and snappy at people. Drugs make you stupid and dizzy. They make you fall over things or

make you see things that aren't there. Drugs also kill brain cells. Alcohol can make you hallucinate too. You can get poisoned and it can kill you. You get caught on it and its hard to get away from.

“I am crystal, but more precious. You try me once, you are hooked on me. You try me again, I've got your soul.”

That is why I choose not to do drugs, meth, and alcohol.

-By Emily Thain

Social Studies

During social studies, the 6th grade has learned about The Beginnings of Human Society, The Fertile Crescent, and Ancient Egypt and Nubia.

While studying Egyptian culture, we built pyramids in class. We were fortunate enough to have our supplies donated by the Bennett King Soopers.

Colorado State Standards we have reviewed are:

- *1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1

Reading

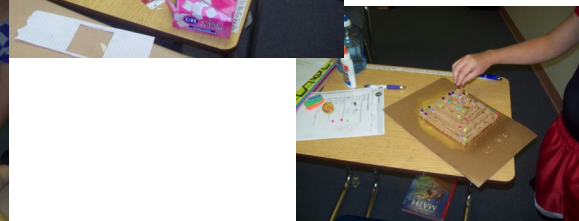
Each week we read a new story that has a common theme. We just finished a theme of, "Taking a Stand," in which we learned about Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., and Caesar Chavez. We discussed as a class how we take stands in our everyday lives. Their responses included:

- *standing up to bullies, doing the right

thing, standing up for your friends and family, and being a leader.

The Colorado State Standards that we have reviewed are:

- 1.1 *4.1
- 2.1
- 2.2
- 2.3



Science

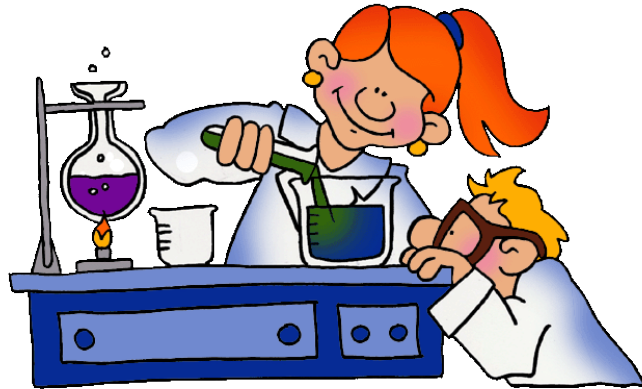
The 6th graders are studying about the Earth's surface. We have completed many fun labs during class including:

- A minerals lab
- Topographic lab
- Remote Sensing Lab
- Mining Lab

Ask your students about these fun activities for more information!

Colorado State Standards we have reviewed are:

- 3.1
- 3.2
- 3.3



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JH Sports

Middle School Volleyball

Record-

A Team 1-5

B Team 2-3

All of the girls have shown improvement over the season. They are all playing great and having lots of fun. We hope to see you at our next game this Thursday, September 29th, at 4:30 pm at Deer Trail versus Byers.



Middle School Football

Record- 0-2

All of the boys are having a "ball" playing football! They will have a game on Sept. 27th at Stratton and another on October 1st at Deer Trail versus Lone Star at 11:00 am. Hope to see you there!

Community

Our class learned of a little two year old girl who was in the hospital for surgery. She has cancer. Our class wrote her get well cards after her surgery. You should be very proud of your children for their support of someone they don't even know. They were very willing to write to her and very concerned about how she is doing. Her surgery went well and she is now home recovering.



Projects

The 6th grade class also participated in supporting our troops. We gathered supplies to send our US Troops overseas. Our 6th grade class is very caring and giving. You should be very proud of them all!

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Let us know what you
would like included in
▶ the monthly
newsletter!

If you have any questions or
concerns, please don't hesitate to
contact me!

WHAT'S NEW NEXT MONTH?

- Homecoming, week of October 3-8
- Middle School volleyball and football games and end of Seasons.
 - Sports Pictures- Tuesday, Oct. 11th
 - End of 1st quarter- Thursday, Oct. 13th
 - Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 - Halloween Party- Monday, Oct. 31st

The 6th Grade just finished reading the book, *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls. We will be watching the movie in class during the week of September 26th-29th. I have many fun activities planned for this exciting tale!



Our class would like to thank you for all of the support you give us at home with our school work and getting us ready for school. We couldn't do it without you! Thanks again!