

Good afternoon, parents!

### Upcoming Events

- Book Fair: This week! (Open each day during school and open until 6pm on Thursday)
- Paragon Fundraiser: Item Pick-Up Thursday, Oct 1 3:30-6:30 (money due 10/8)
- DARE Field Trip: Wednesday, October 7th (need sack lunch & disposable drink)
- Fall Break: Oct 9-12
- School Pictures: Friday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>
- Cheer Practices begin Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

In **Math**, we are in the middle of our Decimal Place Value unit. The students need to be able to read and write numbers from the billions place down to the thousandths place (three decimal places). They need to be able to write numbers in standard, word, and expanded forms.

### Examples

*Standard: 12,340,056.708*

*Word: twelve million, three hundred forty thousand, fifty-six and seven hundred eight thousandths*

*Expanded: 10,000,000 + 2,000,000 + 300,000 + 40,000 + 50 + 6 + .7 + .008*

*(Alternate Expanded: 1 ten millions + 2 millions, + 3 hundred thousands + four ten thousands + 5 tens + 6 ones + 7 tenths + 8 thousandths <Students will not need to be able to write it this way, but should be able to figure out the number if they see it written this way)*

Rounding and Comparing / Ordering decimals is also in this unit. This unit is important in preparing for the next unit, which focuses on Decimal Operations (adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing).

They will not have math homework this week other than 1 worksheet from Math Rotations. They will have at least 20 minutes to complete this during class. If they still do not get it done, it's homework, but it should not be an issue for most students.

In **Science**, we have started our section about stars. This focuses on constellations, especially why we see certain ones at certain times of the year. We will be talking about the stories behind many of the constellations, and working on a project in class for the next week and a half.

Note that we will not have many grades in Science, although there are still a few that need to be added into RDS. They typically do not have homework in science, and occasionally have a quiz or test, but most of the grades are from class discussions and keeping their notebook kept up. If they participate and follow along with activities, they

should do well. The only exception is the Environments unit 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period, which has more activities that are graded.

**FROM MRS. SCHEFER:**

**Unit 3 has begun:**

**READING**

- Main idea and Theme
- Informational text with multiple main ideas
- Fictional text with theme and key details

**WRITING**

- Fictional Narratives
- Story Starters
- Story Enders
- Transitions
- Sensory Details
- Fall Festival Writing

**GRAMMAR / VOCAB**

- Quotation marks

**Social Studies:**

- Native Americans
- Regions / Tribes
  - Location, food, culture, clothing, and housing
  - Team project, small group Google chart
  - Individual IN-CLASS comparison essay (DUE: October 8th)

**Reminders:**

- Reading Homework due EVERY Friday
- Volleyball Home Game Tuesday, October 6th
- Reading Test, main idea and theme: Thursday, October 8th

**Upcoming**

**Events:**

- Wax Museum (Details coming week after Fall Break)
- Vocabulary
- Parade (Details coming soon - moved to December!)