

Mrs. Alexander's NEWSLETTER

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Happy new year to you and your family. It is hard to believe that the year is already half-way through.

Just a reminder that these first two weeks of January are 100% virtual. Our class will begin daily at 9:00 on Zoom and end at 12:15. It is important that students remain present and engaged for the entire morning session.

Afternoon groups will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Each student has been assigned a group and a specific time to meet.

Friday afternoons will be dedicated to study hall and help with work.

Our learning



{READING & WRITING}

We have been given an opportunity to work the Challenger Learning Center to provide students with a unique and exciting learning experience! Students will participate in various interactive lessons led by Irving teachers and the staff at GLC. Students will read and explore rockets, the study of astronomy, and engineering. We will also learn about the Challenger space mission.

Check out what we are reading

School Read Aloud: The One & Only Ivan

Classroom Read Aloud: Because of Mr. Terupt

Nonfiction Text: Challenger

Podcast: 6 Minutes

In writing, we will focus on establishing goals and healthy habits for the new year. Students will continue to work on strengthening their paragraph writing.

{MATH}

We began multiplication before winter break and reviewed using the area model to multiply large numbers. Moving forward, students will begin to transition away from area model and begin using the traditional algorithm to multiply whole numbers. Students can use Moby Max Fact Fluency to practice their math facts.

{IMPORTANT DATES}

January 6: Report Cards available on Skyward

January 18: No School - Martin Luther King Day

February 15: No School - Presidents' Day

February 26: No School - Parent Teacher Conferences

Please watch the district website, Facebook page, and email messages for any changes to learning schedules.

Self Certify

It is important that you self-certify your student each morning that they will be in the building. Please remember to fill out the paper form, and send it with them to school. Students will not be allowed in the classroom without this form.

{Masks}

When we return to in person learning, please remember that masks are required to be worn at all times on in-person days. Please consider sending in a second mask to switch out if the first becomes dirty.

