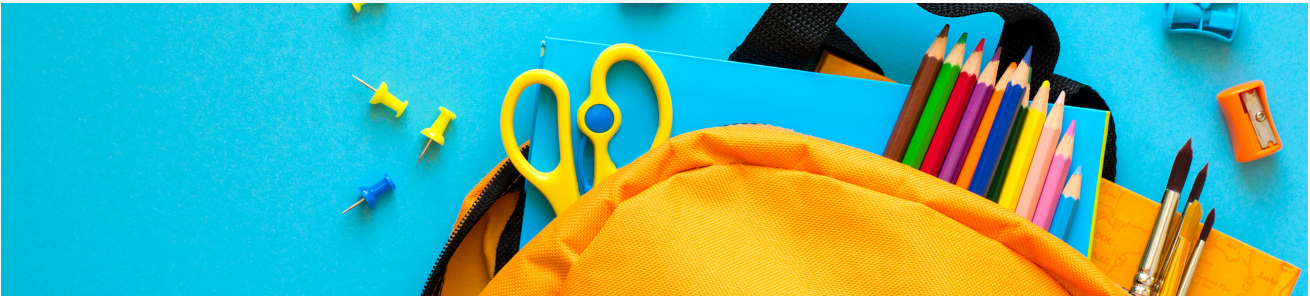


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THE SCOOP

MRS. BISHOP'S NEWSLETTER



HELLO PARENTS

Volunteers

I hope everyone is doing well.

We have changed around our math block and added a lot of new moving pieces. It is a work in progress, but the hope is to be able to differentiate more. Managing all those moving pieces is doable, but much more effective with another adult! That being said, if there is anyone who is comfortable managing a small group of students between 1:35 and 2:05 any day during the week, we would love to have you!

Depending on experience level and your level of comfort, there are a number of things we have to work on each week. It could be something as simple as managing a math fact/ flash card station, or if you're more comfortable, helping a group manage a larger enrichment project or performance task.

If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, shoot me an email and we can talk more. :) Thank you!

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IMPORTANT DATES

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FEBRUARY 13
1 <3 MATH & SCIENCE
NIGHT

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What We're Working On...

Math:

- Adding fractions with like denominators
- Subtracting fractions with like denominators
- Decomposing fractions into unit fractions

ELA:

We started our second unit of the quarter, and (to everyone's delight), started reading the play "Divided Loyalties." It's a play about a family that is divided in opinion about the war. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barton, moved to the colonies from Britain and feel loyal to their home country and the king. The oldest son, William, is a Patriot, but is conflicted because he cares deeply about his family as well. We dive into his character conflict. The two younger siblings (Abigail, 14 and Ben, 9) are undecided at the beginning of the play, but look up to their big brother. We have been taking parts and acting out scenes each day, practicing expression and fluency as we read. We will be working specifically on:

- Character analysis and development
- Writing summaries
- Comparing characters
- Point of view and perspective
- Analyzing opinions

We will continue working on text structure with non fiction texts as well.



CLASSROOM WISHLIST

- Disinfectant spray
- Air fresheners
- Class snacks (with labels)

"IT IS ONLY WITH THE HEART THAT ONE CAN SEE RIGHTLY; WHAT IS ESSENTIAL IS INVISIBLE TO THE EYE"

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry