Dolphins Team Newsletter

September/October

Important Dates:
*No School 9/13 and 10/10
*Picture Day 10/7
*1st Quarter Ends: 11/14



Reminders to Students:

Follow PBIS Expectations
Always Do Your Best
Always Come Prepared
Have an Open Mind
Have Fun



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Welcome Back!

As we begin our journey together, we'd like to welcome you to what we know will be an exciting year of learning, exploration, discovery, and growth. Together we will seek out new information and make new friends. We look forward to meeting all the new families and returning families to Westerly Middle School.

We are honored to be the teachers of such an amazing group of students. As a team, we welcome the home-school partnership we will create this year.

Looking forward to a great 2016-2017 school year.

Communication

Teacher/Student/Parent

Communication is essential for academic success. Together, we are able to achieve our objectives as learning community.

- ★ Please be sure to check <u>MMS regularly</u> to see what your child's current grades are and what assignments are missing.
- ★ Please check our class web pages nightly for updated HW assignments.
- ★ Please check your child's planner nightly for HW assignments.

Here's What's Happening!









Math:

Quarter 1 Eureka Math

o Understand the place value system

Recognize that in a multi-digit number, a digit in one place represents 10 times as much as it represents in the place to its right and 1/10 of what it represents in the place to its left

- o Explain patterns in the number of zeros of the product when multiplying whole numbers by powers of 10
- o Read, write, and compare decimals to thousandths
- o Use place value understanding to round decimals to any place

English:

READING:

- Non-fiction/Fiction:
- High 5 Reading Strategies: Read Around the Text, ABC Summarizing, K.I.M. Vocabulary, Reciprocal Teaching, and Two Column Notes
- 7 Habits of Highly Effective Readers

WRITING:

- ACES: Effective Paragraph Writing
- Responses to Literature

VOCABULARY/GRAMMAR:

- Wordly Wise Lessons 1-2
- Types of Sentences
- Subjects/Predicates
- Nouns

Social Studies:

Beginning Topics

- Geography developing map skills
- Early Exploration and Civilizations
- Key people and routes for exploration

Essential Questions

- What motivates people to explore?
- What effects do discovery and exploration have on people, places and the world around us?
- How is exploration necessary and timeless?

We will follow the same format as in English for writing in Social Studies. Students will read informational texts, work on note taking, and providing text evidence within their writing.

Science:

Fall Module-Earth and Sun

The Earth and Sun module/kit will provide students with experiences to explore the properties of the atmosphere, energy transfer from the Sun to Earth, and the dynamics of weather and water cycling in the Earth's atmosphere. Other experiences will help students develop and use models to understand Earth's place in the solar system and the interactions of the Earth, the Sun and the Moon to reveal predictable patterns. In addition to all the fun science activities and discoveries, we too will follow the format for reading and writing as instructed in English.