

WHMS AIG Newsletter

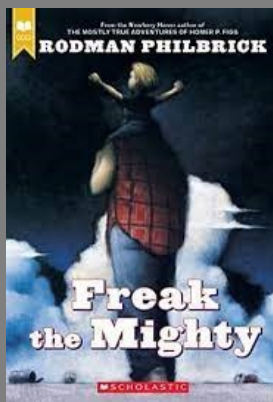
In this edition:

- **6th Grade ELA students read the novel, *Freak the Mighty*.**
- **6th Grade Social Studies students study *Mesopotamia and Egypt*.**
- **6th Grade Science students study *atoms and matter*.**
- **7th Grade Social Studies students study *turning points in world history and look ahead to the Scientific Revolution*.**
- **7th Grade ELA students study *Hatchet and Edgar Allan Poe*.**
- **8th Grade Math students study various algebraic concepts.**
- **8th Grade Science students complete a lab on water.**
- **A special message from West Hoke's AIG specialist.**

Mrs. Brown Peterkin's 6th Grade ELA Class

During the first nine weeks, in English/Language Arts, the students have read, discussed, and analyzed articles and selections of various genres.

We are currently reading our first anchor text, *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick. The students will complete various activities throughout the novel.



Mr. Bridges 6th Grade Social Studies Class

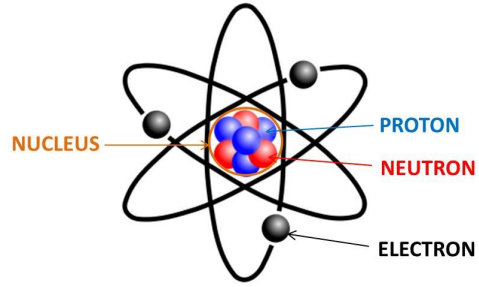
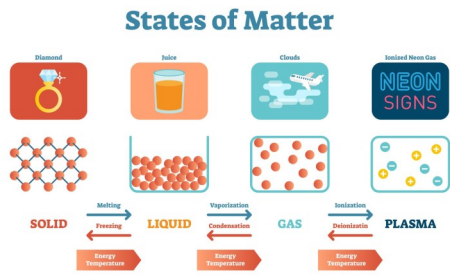
Wow, it is hard to believe the first quarter of the year is already gone! This first quarter in social studies, AIG students have been busy learning about Ancient Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt. Students just completed their first essay for the year on an Egyptian pharaoh of their choosing. We are next headed into a study of three of the five major world religions (Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism). Students will be studying these religions in detail and will be working on their second essay of the year in which they will compare and contrast these three major world religions.

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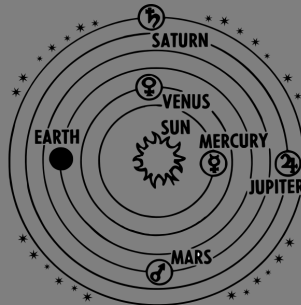
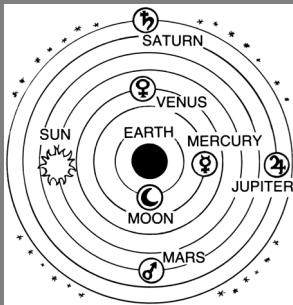
Mrs. McGregor's 6th Grade Science Class

Last week The students did a review of matter. The students answered questions from the slide review for candy. They also compared atoms to the solar system. They compared the sun to unstable isotopes.



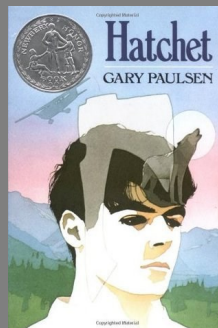
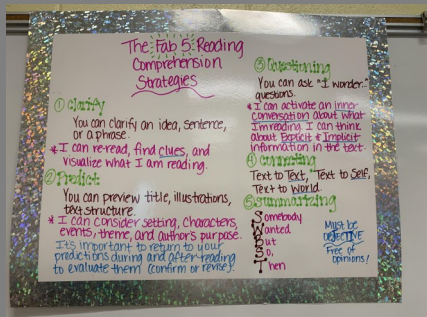
Mrs. Harris' 7th Grade Social Studies Class

It's a fabulous start to the 22-23 school year. In 7th Grade Social Studies, we started Unit One: Turning Points in History. Our first topic was a review of primary and secondary sources. We analyzed a photo and a speech from the Great Depression Era. We will be finishing up this unit with the Scientific Revolution. Our focus will be on Galileo and his struggle with the Catholic Church.



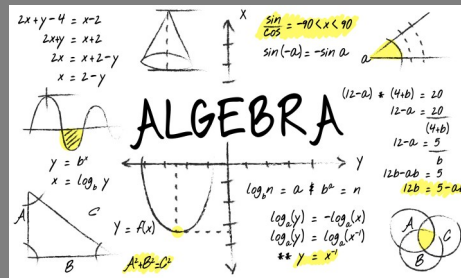
Mrs. Teets' 7th Grade ELA Class

The 2022-2023 school year has gotten off to an awesome start! We have been diving into our first novel, "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen. Students have been analyzing text evidence to write about literary devices such as flashback, foreshadowing, repetition, and dialogue. They have also looked into the 4 major themes of "Hatchet" and used the SWBST format for summarizing (part of the "Fab 5" Reading Comprehension strategies). Coming up in October (in preparation for spooky season), students will be reading a variety of works by Edgar Allan Poe.



Mr. Kuhn's 8th Grade Math Class

The AIG students have spent a tremendous amount of time mastering a number of algebra concepts within these first nine weeks. The students have been challenged with some very difficult "real world" word problems that have forced them to think critically. The students are also progressing through their linear function unit. Students have been discovering ways to determine the "Slope/Rate of Change" of linear functions both algebraically and with the Desmos calculator. After mastering these concepts, the students will be applying this knowledge to parallel and perpendicular situations.



Mr. Bowen's 8th Grade Science Class

This quarter during 8th grade science classes, AIG students were able to participate in a collaborative lab across the entire grade level. The topic covered during this experiment was properties of water, as we continued work in the Hydrology Unit. The properties of water demonstrated in this lab were as follows: cohesion, adhesion, capillary action, density, pH, solvency, polarity, and surface tension. Being that water is a necessity for all life, students were able to explore and understand the importance of water and why it displays certain qualities unlike any other substance on earth! Students also enjoyed working with other classes, and are excited for the collaborative co-teaching experiences to come later this year.



A Message from the AIG Specialist

Parents, Teachers and Students,

Can you believe we are already done with the first quarter of the school year?!? So far this year, I am proud to say that West Hoke Middle School's AIG students have had been very productive and have had a very exciting and innovative first quarter of the school year. Our AIG teachers here at WHMS are, exceeding expectations and created new and innovative ways to ensure your students thrive and continued to learn in their educational journeys.

Coming up in the second quarter, be on the lookout for information regarding our fall AIG parent night! Information will be coming home soon about this!

As always, if you have any issues or concerns regarding the AIG program here at West Hoke Middle School, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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