

Dolphin Pod Post

Dr. Charles R Drew Elementary School

Upcoming Dates

Jan 15th MLK Holiday
Jan 18th MAP-R
Jan 29-2nd Quarter
Ends
Jan 30th 3rd Quarter
Begins

January 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope everyone is well. As we welcome in the new year, we take time to reflect on how the year is going. We appreciate all the support and kindness of the CES family. We are proud of the hard work our students are demonstrating. We encourage students to be prepared for school every day with their completed homework assignments especially in math and the novel readings. We recognize that students have extracurricular activities. In order to benefit from the enriched center lessons, assignments must be completed.

English Language Arts

As we approach the end of Marking Period 2, we will finish our adaptation theme with science fiction. In reading, we are reading a variety of thought-provoking science fiction stories from our "What on Earth" anthology. We finish our novel readings that explore the theme of adaptation. In Writing, students will finish their environmental research.

Math

Math 4/5 (Blackman and Leichtling), In 4/5 Math, we continue with Module 5 lessons on Fraction Equivalence, Ordering, and Operations and will be taking the Performance Matters Mid Module assessment in the next few days. Module 5 is the longest 4th grade module as students continue to build on grade 3 fractions. We explore fraction equivalence, ordering, and application of addition and subtraction of fractions and mixed numbers.

Math 4 (Somin and Logsdon), students continue with Module 3 lessons on long division and 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication. They apply their multiplication times table skills in order to fluently divide and multiply.

Dolphin Pod Post

Dr. Charles R Drew Elementary School

Science/Social Studies/Health

In Science, students have been learning about the ears and how the brain receives auditory information. Students will design and model ears based on animal ears to see how they can improve hearing.

In Social Studies, we will finish with the study the history of European exploration. We will look at the impact of colonization and cultural exchanges between the Europeans and the Native American people.

In Health, we will present lessons on the importance of making healthy choices when it comes to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs to promote lifelong wellness. To help students grow to become health literate consumers, they will analyze media messages, advertising techniques and learn about the key characteristics of nutrition fact and drug fact labels. We will wrap up the 2nd quarter health lessons with discussions of safety and injury topics including safety rules and procedures involving emergencies, harassment, abuse and assault.

Gentle Reminders

- Let us know when a student will be absent by emailing both us and our school attendance secretary, Aracelly Gonzalez at aracelly_gonzalez@mcpsmd.org
- Changes to dismissal procedures must be reported to the office no later than 3:00 p.m.
- Label your school supplies (lunch box, water bottles...) and instruments.
- We can be reached through our e-mails or school phone number 240- 740-5670.

Ms. Blackman and Mrs. Leichtling
Judith_J_Blackman@mcpsmd.org
Kimberly_D_Leichtling@mcpsmd.org

