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6TH GRADE

SUBJECT	Updates for (insert date)
English / Language Arts	<p>Week 12 November 23 & November 24</p> <p>Monday 23rd - Day 3 of the DIA reading test. We are Focusing on reading the passage and completing questions #17-22. When done students can work on NoRedInk.com and Quill.org which supports reading, writing, and grammar.</p> <p>Tuesday 24th –Day 4 of the DIA reading test. We are focusing on finishing the test, this is for any students who are not yet done. When done students can work on NoRedInk.com and Quill.org which supports reading, writing, and grammar or any missing assignments for any of the classes.</p>
Math	<p>We have transitioned into a platform called ALEKS. The student workbook supplements the Aleks. Students are encouraged to write in this! They will not use every page. Students will also use Des Mos and Khan Academy.</p> <p>Encourage your student to log into Aleks every day to work on their Quick Tables.</p> <p>Week 12 :: November 23 - November 27. <u>Monday and Tuesday: Unit 2 Ratio Path/Pie:</u> Students should have a minimum of 9 topics completed. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday NO SCHOOL - ENJOY FALL BREAK.</p> <p>Please reach out to your advisory teacher if you did not conference with a teacher. Got questions? Are you stuck? Need help logging in? Message Mr. Bjork, Ms. Steffensen, or Ms. Dauterive on Teams!</p>
Science	<p>This past week in Science, we continued to work through Topic 2. We covered the similarities and differences between atoms and molecules and discussed what physical and chemical reactions are, as well as the evidence that a physical or chemical reaction occurred. To build on this learning, we also explored the connection between atoms and molecules and physical and chemical reactions.</p>

	Next week and after the break, we will continue to deepen our knowledge with atoms and molecules when we discuss chemical equations and how they relate to chemical reactions!
Global Studies	<p>This week in Global Studies we started Topic five. In this Topic we will be analyzing connections among historical events in Ancient and Medieval Europe. Students will be using their learning from our previous Topics and applying their knowledge of culture and geography to our study of different historical eras.</p> <p>All of our assignments for Global Studies are in One Note, using the Class Notebook feature of Teams. Our learners have done a great job using Class Notebook! Please check in with your student and have them show you the work they have done so far in Global Studies. If you or your student have any questions, please contact Ms. Cavanah or Ms. Guevara via Teams or email.</p> <p>Whitney.cavanah@dmschools.org Patricia.guevara@dmschools.org</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
P.E.	<p>Red Team- Students will have two tasks to complete independently this week. Those tasks can be found in the Week 12 channel on Teams. We will finish up our discussion on Flexibility. No meeting on Wednesday, as there is no school!</p> <p>Gold Team- Students this past week should have completed their PE Test #2 and filled out their activity log.</p> <p><u>This Week-</u> Students should review uploaded videos for workout ideas over Thanksgiving break. These require zero equipment and can be done inside the house. Students should be continuing to fill out their activity log. There is NO meeting this Wednesday as there is no school that day. Have a great break and please message me if you have any questions. Thanks. Coach T</p>
Health (Groups 2-5)	We are completing our unit on Refusal Skills this week. Next week we will begin our study on Healthy Relationships. This will be wrapped up after Thanksgiving Break. Meeting times on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will be removed from Teams as we won't be meeting those days. Enjoy your time of rest and relaxation! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Stubbs!
Music (Groups 1 & 6)	<p>This week we started our Project for Topic 1: Music and Health, and completed our Rhythm and Tempo Listening Wednesday. All Assignments are in teams!</p> <p>Next week we will be finishing our Topic 1 Project – the Podcast! And working on our next Listening Wednesday.</p> <p>Questions or concerns? Contact Mrs. Clark-Sindler at rachel.clarksindler@dmschools.org or via teams chat or schoolCNXT.</p>
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7TH GRADE

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English / Language Arts	7th Grade ELA has been working on the District Assessment this week. Please discuss with your child how this is going! We have also begun writing their Compare and Contrast Essays. Everything they need for this can be found in their Teams files. Be asking if they could use another set of eyes for proofreading 😊
Math	7th Grade math has been working on finishing up the District Assessment and has started working on the brand new Topic 3 Chapter on Circles. Monday we will continue looking at the parts of a circle and Tuesday will be a review day and a make-up District Assessment day. Also, we will be using our time to complete tasks on ALEKS.
Science	<u>This Week (Nov. 16-20)</u> – We finished up learning about Movements in our Solar System with a Gravity simulation. Took a quiz on Wednesday and begun our Classifying Objects in Space topic. Our focus is asking open-ended questions and exploring the scale of objects in space. <u>Next Week (Nov. 23-24)</u> – With a short week, we will keep on with Classifying Objects and explore galaxies and asteroids. We'll be picking back up with Stars and Planets when we get back from break.
Global Studies	Reminder that if you need help outside of class time on an assignment, the best way to contact Mr. Loneman or Mr. Gringer is through the Teams chat feature. We can help you through the chat or we can set up an individual meeting on Teams to provide additional support! <i>We are now using Class Notebook to do daily lessons and assignments!</i> We also have a student teacher who has joined the Gold Team! His name is Mr. Allison and he is from the University of Northern Iowa. This Week: November 16-November 20: We continued learning about migration. We began the week learning about asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants and then learned about push and pull factors. We took an assessment on Thursday the 19 th . Next Week: November 23-November 24: We are going to continue learning about migration. We will start to discuss net migration. We will look at which countries have a positive net migration and discuss the reasons this occurs. Daily lessons and assignments will be on Class Notebook.
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<p>Bus/Tech (Groups 2-5)</p>	<p>This week (Nov. 16-20): We created an “About Me” PowerPoint and continued to work on our Typing Skills. We will take a Typing Test every Friday throughout the 9 weeks.</p> <p>Next week (Nov. 23-24): For this short week, we will do a mini-module on Careers. We will take a Career Interest Survey, discuss Central Campus and maybe have a visit from the Counselor. Students will explore Careers more in 8th grade.</p>
<p>Music (Groups 1 & 6)</p>	<p>This week we started our Project for Topic 1: Music and Health, and completed our Rhythm and Tempo Listening Wednesday. All Assignments are in teams!</p> <p>Next week we will be finishing our Topic 1 Project – the Podcast! And working on our next Listening Wednesday.</p> <p>Questions or concerns? Contact Mrs. Clark-Sindler at rachel.clarksindler@dmschools.org or via teams chat or schoolCNXT.</p>
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8TH GRADE

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English / Language Arts	This week students worked hard to finish up Unit 1 of Summer of the Mariposas and took their Fall District Interim Assessment (Map replacement). Next week we will begin Unit 2 by exploring how themes are developed in a novel and writing objective summaries. Students should visit their Assignments tab in Teams to make sure they are all caught up before we head into the Thanksgiving break.
Math	
Science	<p>This week students researched synthetic and natural resources, identified resources as being renewable and nonrenewable, and analyzed how natural and synthetic resources are important to their everyday life. Next week students will continue to evaluate the impact of synthetic and natural materials on the environment and society by viewing National Geographic's <i>Before the Flood</i>.</p> <p>A great use of extra time over break would be look at what you have for missing assignments in infinite campus. These can be found both on teams and on canvas. Any questions regarding missing work or current grades can be forwarded to: Gold Team: anne.fulton@dmschools.org Red Team: carrie.aduddell@dmschools.org</p>
Early U.S. History	<p>This Week (Nov 16-20) - We finished work on our first unit: Topic 1 Migration to North America. We capped this unit off with the final assessment, on Learning Target 3. Mr. K and Ms. Peetz are still missing quite a few assessments, so make sure you are checking Infinite Campus for the completion of these three assessments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Learning Target 1 Assessment2. Learning Target 2 Assessment3. Learning Target 3 Assessment <p><u>These are a priority over other missing work. Get these done first, then go back and work on the missing assignments.</u></p> <p>We then started in on our next unit, Topic 2 Colonial Identities, which is all about the colonies before the American Revolution, as well as myth-busting some facts about the Founding Fathers.</p>

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Art (Groups 2-5)	<p>This Past Week (11/16-11/20): We worked our way through and finished up Module 2: Ethics and Art. We completed two post replies via Teams (Tuesday & Thursday) and two assignments via Teams (Monday and Wednesday). Friday was a Kahoot review of Module 2 and a chance to complete all missing work thus far. Module 1 & 2 assignments should be completed by Friday, 11/20.</p> <p>Next Week (11/23 & 11/24): This short week, we will preview Module 3: Elements and Principles with a Scavenger Hunt (assignment via teams) and a pre-assessment (via Kahoot!). Grades for Module 2 and any made up work from Module 1 will be updated in Infinite Campus prior to Thanksgiving.</p> <p>If your student(a) needs support, please encourage them to reach out to me in Teams. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at Lisa.hesse@dmschools.org. And as always, don't forget to follow us on social media: @hoyt.heart!</p>
Music (Groups 1 & 6)	<p>This week we started our Project for Topic 1: Music and Health, and completed our Rhythm and Tempo Listening Wednesday. All Assignments are in teams!</p> <p>Next week we will be finishing our Topic 1 Project – the Podcast! And working on our next Listening Wednesday.</p> <p>Questions or concerns? Contact Mrs. Clark-Sindler at rachel.clarksindler@dmschools.org or via teams chat or schoolCNXT.</p>
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SUPPORT CLASSES & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

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Reading Plus	PLEASE check with your child to see if he/she has a Reading Plus folder. If your student does not please let me know. Their Homework Log is in that folder. We will be learning a new word game they can play with friends and family to help strengthen reading skills.
Focused Reading	
ELL	Language Arts Class is just finishing up their study of Mythology by comparing and contrasting the story of Pele as a written story and as a short film. We will begin a new topic after Thanksgiving break! ELL classes are just starting a group PowerPoint project using a film “short” of their choice. They will be working on theme and summarization while working on this project.
HAWK ROOM	Science: All assignments in canvas/teams we are working on different types of products and how they react to different food items over-time-assignments in teams/canvas Social Studies: History of Thanksgiving-assignments in teams/canvas Social Skills: Working with others and how to use coping skills in class when we need a break Advisory: We are working on making up missing assignments. I’ve also been in contact with all students each day to ensure work is getting done and classes attended outside of the HAWK room. Thanks for working with me to find ways for us to work together to get your student to class- I appreciate your support. Any questions please don’t hesitate to reach out to jodi.swett@dmschools.org or send me a message via teams.
Band	All 6-8 band students are continuing lessons for term 2 online. Students have one song to record per week onto flipgrid. Each week explains what song is to be recorded. Students should have completed up to week 7 in flipgrid. Join codes: 6 band – hoytbeginner 7 band – hoytintermediate 8 band - hoytadvanced
Orchestra	All 6-8 orchestra students are continuing lessons for term 2 online. Students have one song to record per week onto flipgrid. Each week explains what song is to be recorded. Students should have completed up to week 7 in flipgrid. Join codes: 6 orch – hoytorchbeg 7 orch – hoytorchint 8 orch - hoytorchadv

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