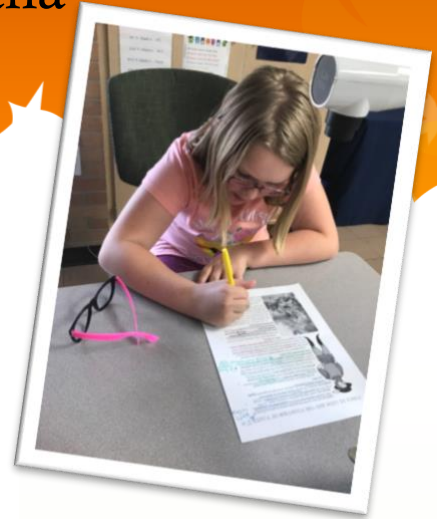


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# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Northeastern Middle School  
Fountain City, Indiana



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Sixth grade Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. An email with additional information will be sent out in the upcoming weeks from Mrs. Bales.

## Keep it Charged!

This is a reminder that students should bring their iPads to school each morning fully charged. In the past month, we have had an increasing number of students whose iPads are not fully charged in the morning. By the afternoon, the iPad has died and the students are unable to complete classwork. We understand there will be the occasional circumstance where the student will need to charge their iPad at school in the morning, however we would like to continue to encourage students to take responsibility for their learning device and come to school prepared for the day.

Thank you for your support and understanding!

Please look for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter to be emailed out on the first Friday of each month. Next issue will be out November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Save the Date!

Early Release Week – October 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## Don't forget!

During the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>- October 12<sup>th</sup> students will be dismissed at **2:40 pm** each day.

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## Classroom Update

### Math with Mrs. Dill

This week we wrapped up Unit 1 in math. We are ready to dive into Unit 2 focusing on decimals and fractions. These are important skills in 6th grade that we will study for a large amount of time. We will begin by reviewing how to reduce fractions and computing with common denominators. After building and reinforcing that basic foundation, we will work on computing decimals and fractions with unlike denominators.



### Science with Mrs. Kircher-Taylor

In Science are working on our energy unit, learning about the different types of energy. Students will be creating energy machines that show an energy transfer. Next we will be ready to focus on phases of the moon as well as the rotation of earth. Students will be learning the effects of our planet's rotation and why the moon transitions through various phases. This will lead us into our study of the solar system.



### Social Studies with Ms. Reno

Ancient Greece has been our destination for the last couple of weeks. We will explore the geography, military, and values of the ancient Greek civilization. As we wrap up our exploration of this fascinating time in history, the sixth graders will be able to summarize the rise, decline, and culture of Ancient Greece. After fall break, we will dive into Ancient Rome.



### Reading & Writing with Mrs. Detweiler and Ms. Williams

After fall break, students will begin reading the novel, *Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief*. We will analyze the story by comparing it to *The Hero's Journey* story pattern. Students will be identifying the stages and archetypes throughout our reading of *The Lightning Thief*. We will continue to reinforce literature comprehension skills such as: theme, plot, characterization, and mood/tone. Students will also be reading nonfiction partner texts that connect to Percy Jackson and Ancient Greece, while we compare and contrast how ideas in nonfiction texts are incorporated within literature texts.



As we progress through the novel, students will be writing a formal research paper on a Greek god or goddess. We will be learning about the research process while determining reliable sources and unreliable sources. We will focus heavily on organization within our writing process. Students will also be introduced to the narrative writing style, while continuing to develop their argumentative writing skills.





## Notes and Reminders

### Second Nine Weeks

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks of the school year. Students will be switching to a new Creative Arts class in the morning and will be switching Knight Lab classes in the afternoon.

### Report Cards

Report cards from the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks will be mailed home on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Any student who has a “D” or an “F” must have their report card signed and returned by **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**.



## Student Recognitions

We are grateful for the number of amazing students we have AND the opportunities they have to be recognized for being AWESOME! Here are our most recent Student Recognitions:

NWS Student of the Month- [Ava Mikesell](#)

Value of the Month Model Student –  
[John Wallace for Initiative](#)

Ms. Williams’ September Student Spotlights –  
[David Parker](#), [Korbyn Lehman](#), [Weston Sawyer](#), and [Eva Kenworthy](#)

Mrs. Dill’s September VIP Students –  
[Lila Burns](#), [Adam Luebbe](#), [Lydia Smith](#), and [Thane Berger](#)

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