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

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## ILEARN Resources

We have entered that time of year again! Students are gearing up to begin their ILEARN testing. Below you will find links to ILEARN resources for you and your student, including item samplers, which can provide practice in preparation for the ILEARN testing beginning on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

[ILEARN for Families Information](#)

[Released Items Repository](#)

(this resource provides practice questions for ELA, Math & Science)

[Desmos Calculator](#)

Remind students to read directions carefully, follow all directions, attempt all problems, and most importantly: to try their very best.

During the week of testing, please make sure students get a good night's sleep and that they eat a healthy breakfast so they are ready to perform their best on the test.

**\*Please note that all students need corded earbuds/headphones for ILEARN.\***

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# Classroom Update

## Math with Mrs. Dill

We just finished up our unit on data and graphing in math along with unit conversions. We have begun reviewing critical skills taught earlier in the year through various engaging activities. This week we are reviewing with a March Madness theme! Students have been given various tasks to complete for each round of the tournament. Be sure to ask your student about the activities. We are looking forward to applying our skills to new situations!



## Science with Mrs. Kircher-Taylor

In science, we just finished up our life science unit. We will begin reviewing some of our more critical skills from the year. With each standard, we will be engaging in some fun, hand-on activities that will require students to think critically about the standard. We will then focus on the engineer and design standards. Science teams will be given challenges or tasks they will have to meet according to provided criteria and constraints.



## Social Studies with Ms. Reno

This month, students will be exploring various moments in history that were characterized by social and political unrest. Students will study topics such as the Industrial Revolution, the French Revolution, and World War II. Students will analyze the differences between social change that takes place through peace and social change that takes place through violence.



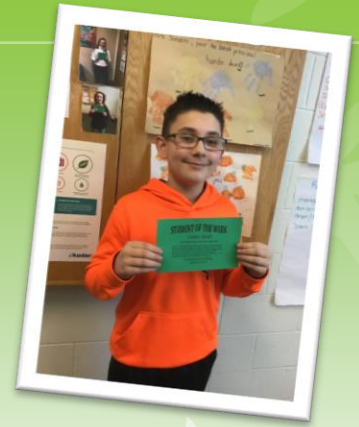
## Reading & Writing with Mrs. Detweiler and Ms. Williams

In reading this month, we will be exploring short stories and excerpts while reviewing all the reading skills we have covered so far this year. Students will be analyzing short stories for plot development, theme, character development, mood, and much more! Students will also be reading and examining nonfiction passages and will focus on determining the main idea and understanding the structure of texts. Lastly, we will be reviewing how to use and select relevant textual evidence to support answers to questions.



Students will be busy at work in writing this month! We will be reviewing the three main genres of writing: explanatory, argumentative, and narrative. Students will focus on strengthening organization within their writing and using relevant textual evidence to support reasons and ideas. We will also continue to work on the skills necessary to successfully complete the Performance Task on the new ILEARN assessment.





## Notes and Reminders

### ILEARN

ILEARN is quickly approaching. Sixth graders will be testing on April 23<sup>rd</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>. ILEARN testing will be completed on the iPad. Please be sure your student comes to school with a fully charged iPad and plenty of rest.

### Progress Reports

Sixth grade students will bring progress reports home on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to sign and return your student's progress report by Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>!

### May Newsletter

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 May 3<sup>rd</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:

NMS Student of the Week – Isaac Gray

Value of the Month Model Student –

Olivia Pickering for Individuality

Ms. Williams' March Student Spotlights –Riley Mayberry, Sophia Sparks & Isaac Gray

Mrs. Dill's March VIP Students –

Gavin Hay, Josie Retz & Jonas Senters

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