

Learning together • Working hard • Having fun • Developing character

Love recognizes no barriers.
It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.



This was a short week but we did pack a lot of things into three days! Lots of familiar and new terminology in Math, an in depth look at the TUSC rubric and some suggestions on how to step up their oral presentations next week, final work periods for their Top Stories assignment, and we finished up all the lower case letters during our cursive writing "bell work" sessions + TUSC! There continues to be lots going on for students during recesses and everyone is encouraged to get involved in some of our clubs and groups to enhance their

experience at GMS. Have a good weekend!



Math

Over the past week we reviewed and learned about the "language of geometry" which included things like the difference between a line and line segment, reflex angles, complementary and supplementary angles and the proper markings to indicate parallel and perpendicular lines. Looking ahead... on we will continue with the language of geometry and dig deeper into angles, the sum of the angles in a triangle and finding missing angles using the transversal. I have all area Math tests marked and will hand them back Monday or Tuesday week. Some students will need to meet with me at recesses and review measurement and complete extra practice before rewriting the measurement test to show me that they have a clear understanding of the difference between area and perimeter.

Music (EMF7B)

This week students were excited to play "Let's Go Band" and I expect that you will begin hearing it at home (it is similar to something you might hear at a hockey game). Looking ahead... we will continue to work through the notation and "musical road map" to play through the song.

English

Over the past week students continued to do research for their culminating assignment called Top Stories of the Decade. We discussed that slides should have minimal writing and bullet points only so that students have a connection to the audience rather than reading directly from their slides. I stressed that rehearsing for this presentation is VERY important - no winging it! The presentation dates are also listed in Google Classroom. Looking ahead... over the next two weeks during their library period students will take part in a "book tasting". MacLaren Centre will participate on Monday and Wiggins Centre on Friday this week. This is the introduction to a 'reading for pleasure' term 2 project which will start February 10th and last until the end of May.

On my website this week you will find:

• TUSC roles for January 29th

On Google Classroom this week you will find:

- Top Stories of the Decade Presentation Dates
- Top Stories of the Decade DUE: week of Jan 27th

STAY IN TOUCH...

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