

Thursday, May 21

Math	
6 th Grade:	<p>Dear 6th Grade Students,</p> <p>As we wrap up what will definitely go down in history as a crazy year, we are reflecting on the positives. We did accomplish a lot, just not as much as we had hoped. We were able to increase our technology skills, though admittedly, we have more to learn (a lot more). We were able to stay in contact with many of you, despite living through an unprecedented time. All of these are good things.</p> <p>Before you head into summer, be sure to check Week 5 on Canvas. Resources for summer study will be listed there. What should you work on? It will be beneficial to work on any 6th grade skills. Work on any of our online platforms – ALEKS, Canvas, Prodigy, and Khan. Brush up on facts. Play strategy games. Bake. Graph daily temperatures. Engage your brain! Be ready for whatever next school year brings our way.</p> <p>You are welcome to contact us via Teams, if you have any questions.</p> <p>And make good choices.</p> <p>Have a safe and happy, if socially distant, summer.</p> <p>Mrs. Dahms Mrs. Majure Mr. Hendricks</p>
7 th Grade:	<p>Greetings, 7th Grade Math Students!</p> <p>It has been wonderful to work with you in person and remotely this school year. We look forward to seeing you next school year in the halls! Students generally grow quite a bit physically and intellectually over the summer before 8th grade--so please continue to challenge yourselves to read as much as you can and continue to sharpen your math skills in ALEKS.com. We have sent you each a postcard...look for those in your mailboxes after the holiday weekend.</p> <p>Enjoy your summer and be safe! Mrs. Short and Mrs. Faten</p>
8 th Grade:	<p>Dear 8th Grade Students,</p> <p>We hope you are looking forward to a well-deserved summer break! You have been so patient with us as we learned how to teach in this new way, and you worked so hard to adapt to our new school format. You also taught us so much – we would</p>

never have learned so much about Canvas, Teams, and other resources without your help!

As we head into our last school week, please be sure to look through the new resources that will be posted on Canvas.

8th Grade Level Students:

- Canvas: If you have not yet worked through the first four weeks, go back to where you left off and try some new activities and practice problems. Functions and The Pythagorean Theorem are topics that will be helpful as you head into Algebra in the fall!
- ALEKS: Don't forget to try the assignments on ALEKS. They will be available all summer long, so you can review and refresh your understanding of the topics!

Algebra Students:

- If you have not yet completed your retake assessment and you would like to improve your grade, you need to contact Ms. Nolan as soon as possible. You'll need an access code to complete the retake assessment, so make sure you complete all of the practice quizzes before asking Ms. Nolan for the access code.
- Canvas: Check out the new Solving Quadratic Equations module in Canvas. There are lessons, along with answer keys, to help you learn about this new topic. Look for new ALEKS assignments to practice your new skills. You still have access to review assignments as well!

To keep your brains sharp this summer, check out these free resources online:

- [How to Learn Math](#) – Learn about strategies to help you succeed in math class
- [Exploding Dots](#) – Learn about machines that use mathematical patterns
- [Open Middle](#) – Choose a different grade level than 8th grade if you need review or are looking for a challenge
- [ALEKS](#) – You have access to your current course in ALEKS until the end of the summer. Work through your learning path and assignments to help prepare for Algebra/Geometry next fall. If you don't know your password, email your teacher.

We will miss seeing and hearing you this summer, but we hope you enjoy yourselves and are looking forward to high school in the fall. We are so excited to hear about how next year goes!

Sending socially distant hugs and high fives!
Mrs. Faten, Mrs. Ferring, and Ms. Nolan

Science

<p>6th Grade:</p>	<p>6th Grade Scientists: T-minus 4 days until we officially end this school year that has been full of science. The last 2 months have certainly raised the importance of science to all citizens of this planet. We thank you for all of the science that you are teaching, leading, guiding, and listening to at home.</p> <p>Sixth grade students are wrapping up work on genetics using an online simulation called Pigeonetics. The final problem will come on Friday May 22 at 11:00AM during our science class meeting on Teams.</p> <p>We will also be hosting a class meeting on Teams at 11:00AM on Wednesday, May 27, where we will jump into our scientific time machine and head back to August and our very first official science activity of the year. We hope to see you there!</p> <p>--Mrs. Swanda & Mr. Hammond</p>
<p>7th Grade:</p>	<p>Hello, 7th Grade Scientists!</p> <p>We are on the home stretch now! Teaching you science and how to be a scientist was the highlight of our year. We are very grateful to have had you as our student!</p> <p>We wish you an awesome summer! And remember to stop and observe that Science is everywhere. Stay curious!</p> <p>As a Merrill student, you can always practice CPR, by being caring, principled and reflective. Therefore, we would like you to focus on the R and reflect on the school year you had. We want to make science the best subject and we can do that with your help! Please click on the link below to complete a short survey:</p> <p>https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O2KI6_5QN069OITMpTBd56BLQm9wAwxMmhdrnLM3kPZUMldSNORHUKQ2NlgxNDFJTEWRDc2R0RQRy4u</p> <p>We wish you all are healthy and well and hope to see you again next year!</p> <p>Mr. Quinlan and Mrs. Luckow</p>
<p>8th Grade:</p>	<p>Hello, 8th Grade Students!</p> <p>As we end the school year, we can't help but reminisce on the year fondly and enjoy the memories we've made with you. We'd love your feedback about the past year in science. Please send your science teacher your thoughts on the following:</p>

1. What was your favorite thing to learn about in science? Why?
2. What was your favorite activity/activities to do in science this year?
3. What did you wish we spent more time on?
4. What was your least favorite thing to learn in science? Why?
5. Any other things you'd like to share with your teacher?

While this is optional, we value your opinion and would love your feedback.

We are very grateful to have had you in our class this year. We wish you nothing but the best, and sincerely hope to hear from you in the future!

Warm wishes and kind regards,

Ms. Sweers & Ms. Luckow

Other Notes

Personal Belongings:

Thanks to all the families who completed the survey and picked up locker items yesterday afternoon.

A second survey is now active for those who were not able to complete the first survey and pick up materials. This survey will close at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, May 27th for pick up in early June (date to be determined). Our goal is for this to be the final pick up. Your help in limiting exposure and school visits by staff, faculty, and administration during this time is appreciated.

Here's the link to the form "Merrill MS Locker Clean Out Form: Part II":

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O2KI6_5QN069OITMpTBd53kMHiSTcJhHohsYNk3F7nFURFNYV0dRVU5PQkFSQVpWNDNFOFM1MjFDSy4u