



WESLEY INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

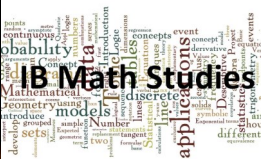
Newsletter—Middle Years Programme - Year 2

OCTOBER 2014

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Individuals and Societies

Over the past week we have been able to journey through the history of Southwest Asia. Traveling through the ever-changing empires of conquest, the students have been able to make connections between the power structures of many of the SWA countries.

On this shortened week, we will be having a quiz on Wednesday regarding the key terms and understandings of the history of the Middle East. Each student has been given a study guide with the fifteen terms of focus. Additionally, we will review this week leading up to the quiz.

Quiz on Wednesday

Mathematics

7th grade math is getting more abstract and more challenging by the day! We've been building upon our number sense in order to simplify expressions and solve two-step equations. Students will start transitioning these skills to solve two-step inequalities. We will spend this week tying up loose ends and making sure students are paying attention to details within equations and inequalities. There will be a quiz next week.

Advanced Math is wrapping up the unit about Geometry. We will summarize with an in-class project, have a day or two to study, and then have our unit test the week after Fall Break. We will then move on to probability, which is much more abstract and detail-oriented than the past two units. If any parents have a connection with an actuary, meteorologist, or has another idea of a career related to probability, I would love to have a guest speaker come talk to the class.

Language and Literature

Language and Literature is currently working on a unit on poetry, analyzing poems for poetic devices and figurative language. We will read a diverse range of poems, including poems written by Robert Frost, Langston Hughes, Emily Dickinson, and many more. We will view slam poetry and find poetry in our favorite songs, and try presenting "poems for two voices." Students will be writing their own poems as well, and our unit will culminate in a presentation project—details will be sent home later this week.

Our grammar focus will be on correct comma usage—an often misunderstood concept that we want all students to master. We will begin reading our next novel, *The Book Thief*, after fall break. Books are being provided in class.

Life Science

FIELD TRIP REMINDERS!!!!

- 1) **The Bodies Exhibit** at Atlantic Station on October 26th, 2014. **All permission slip forms and payments are due October 17th, 2014.**
- 2) **STE(A)M Truck** at Wesley on October 17th, 2014. **All permission slip forms are due October 15th, 2014.**

We are finally starting a new unit that covers the human body, organs, and organ systems. Students are learning about the functions of organs, how they work with other organs, and how they help to keep us alive and healthy. Please feel free to join us on our up and coming trip to the Bodies Exhibit. We will need four parent volunteers (one from each homeroom) to accompany us on this trip. Parents please try to make as many connections with your students about what we are learning in class. Feel free to have conversations with them about organs, organ systems, and how important it is to have a healthy body in order to live a long healthy life.