

Dear Room 19 Families,

I hope you had a wonderful Spring Break! We had families enjoying a staycation in Manhattan Beach, and many traveling- to the desert, tropical islands, the East Coast, Mexico, and more. Welcome back! I cannot believe it, but only 10 more school weeks to go until you are officially middle schoolers!

Below, please find some reminders and updates for the upcoming week, as well as a brief summary of what we are working on in class.

Information and Updates:

- **Yearbook Love Lines-** Make your 5th grader special by buying a Love Line. They can be purchased until April 10. Input needs to be sent in that day as well. Parents place the orders using [THIS](#) link or via the website's homepage under the "STORE" tab. Contact [Barbara van Leeuwen](#) for more information.
- **Science Night Volunteers 4/17-** Mrs. Hampton is looking for 5th grade volunteers to help her launch rockets during Science Night. If you are interested in helping, please contact her: thampton@mbusd.org
- **Wordly Wise-** We will not have Wordly Wise the next two weeks. We are going to focus on root words and grammar. There will be a root word test next week.

Reminders for this Week:

- **Monday-**
 - We have P.E.
- **Tuesday-**
 - We have Science Lab with Mrs. Liu.
- **Wednesday-**
 - We have morning assembly. Remember to meet on the upper field.
- **Thursday-**
 - KidBlog is due.
 - We have music.
 - We have P.E.
- **Friday-**
 - We will have an assembly on cyber bullying.
 - We have art class.
 - We have Young At Art!

What We're Working on This Week:

- **Reading & Writing-**
 - We are reading the novel, *The Sign of the Beaver*, and working on taking notes about the plot and characters, while creating detailed responses to literature. You can check out the responses in Reading Google Classroom.
 - We will begin our new writing unit on Argumentative Writing. We will study Scholastic News examples, and students will choose their own debatable topic to write about.
 - Genius Hour- Most students have completed their Genius Hour slides. Students will present their slides the week after State Testing (5/20-5/24). I am still working on reading all of the reports, and will return grades on the written portion this week.
- **Math-** We will continue to study volume of composite shapes. The Mid Module Assessment comes after Lesson 9, we may have a test this Friday, or early next week, depending on what we accomplish this week.
- **Science-** We will begin the scopes, Earth's Systems and Earth's Systems Interactions. Students will learn about the different spheres (hydrosphere, atmosphere, biosphere, lithosphere) and how they interact in multiple ways to affect Earth's surface materials and processes.
- **Social Studies-** A note from Mrs. Stelter: This week we will compare the military, economic, and governmental powers of both sides as the Americans and Great Britain fight the War for Independence. Students will learn about Washington's defeats in New York and New Jersey, his victory at Trenton, and the American victory at Saratoga.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.