

# Weekly 6th Grade Newsletter: 4th week of December

Language Arts classes are reading "Rikki-tikki-tavi" aloud in class. This short story connects to Social Studies and is considered a classic. Students were assigned passages to practice for smooth reading. Comprehension questions and vocabulary exercises will follow our reading. December reading calendars will be due the first Wednesday we return from vacation.

Math Class: Last week we wrapped up finding the area of circles with a math point activity that involves making a pizza advertisement where the customer needs to figure out how to get the most bang for their buck (Pizza Pi are squared?). This is done on Google Docs, ask your kids about their Pizza Deal ad. This week we will be looking at finding the area of irregular shapes using the layout of the garden as our vehicle. Have a great holiday vacation :) Aaron Scogin

Science: Most students are either well into Part One, Concept Maps, of the Rock Cycle Webquest or are starting Part Two, Water Cycle. Even though the majority of work on the Webquest is being done during class periods, many students have downloaded the C-Maps program, are using it at home, and becoming proficient at sending files between home and school using Google Apps. After the Winter Break we will be going over the phases of matter the names for phase changes and having a test on this topic, along with how these changes are driven by different types of heat transfer. During this time students will be learning additional vocabulary on these topics and finding the roots they use every day, without knowing it, for these terms.

In Social Studies class we will be continuing on our study of South Asia and India. Thank you to those who have sent in materials for class on India. Starting at the end of January we will be starting our interdisciplinary unit on Africa - We will be on a safari!

Have a great vacation. See you in January! Kathy Collyer