

Dolphin Pod Post

Dr. Charles R Drew Elementary School



Upcoming Dates '22

Sept.14
Early release 1:20pm

Sept.19
Spirit Week
MAP-Math 9:35-11:05a

Sept.21 7 p - 8:30pm
Back to School Night

Sept.26
No school

Sept.29
MAP-Reading
1:25-2:40p

Sept.30th
Early release 1:20p

Oct.3
School pictures

Oct.5
No school

Oct.24
No school/
Professional Day for
teachers

Oct. 27
Field Trip to
Agricultural Farm Park
Museum (Bag lunch
needed)

Nov.11
Drew's Fall Festival

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We were excited to meet you during our Sneak Peek (open house). We look forward to working with you and your child this school year. We recognize that there are many adjustments in 4th grade and/or being in a new school. There are some Center students from Drew. We know that missing previous schools and friends can leave some students a little bit sad. We are here to support them including our counselor, Ms. Sara Krauss. We hope our students will add new friendships to their current friends and enjoy being at Drew.

English Language Arts: Students will be learning about Greek mythology in Perfection Learning Great Books, *Echoes of Mt. Olympus*. The readings contain mature content typical of Greek mythology and may need to be addressed prior to reading the selections. We will **not** be reading all of the myths and asked students to only read assigned texts. We will visit texts at least twice due to vocabulary and content. The collaborative discussions are a key part of their learning.

They will build on their knowledge of myths and background information about Olympian deities and the Hero's Journey. They are learning to cite page and paragraph text evidence, develop opinion writing pieces, write short narrative pieces and revise their writing to include more details. This year students will be introduced to common CES practices such as Quick Writes, On Demand Writing, Shared Inquiry Discussion, and Socratic Seminars.

In a few weeks, students will begin to research a Greek deity and create a structured biographical poem containing details about the god or goddess. These poems will be peer reviewed and revised for figurative language and placed on display. They will continue to read different myths and engage in collaborative discussions.

Please visit our Reading and Writing Canvas tile for complete assignments.

Math $\frac{4}{5}$ We have begun the first Module involving place value, addition and subtraction and will take the Mid Module assessment within a couple of weeks and the End of Module Assessment in the near future. Following that, students will complete Module 2 involving Unit Conversions and Problem Solving with Metric Measurement. Students will take the End of Module 2 Assessment after 5 lessons. (Math $\frac{4}{5}$ is accelerated by pace and teaches both Math 4 and Math 5. Some lessons may be consolidated).

Math 4 We have also begun the first module involving place value, addition and subtraction. This course runs at a slower pace with access to enrichment as appropriate. Additional math information can be also found in the teachers' Mathematics Canvas.

For all students to be successful, it is important that they complete homework assignments. We encourage students to know their math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Students can create flash cards. In Eureka, they will learn many strategies. Students need to have ready recall math facts to work efficiently as they move forward in the mathematics pathway.

Science: In Science, students will observe different forms of energy in order to understand how energy can transfer or move from place to place using sound, light, heat, and electric currents. Students will design a Rube Goldberg machine that applies the different forms of energy.

Social Studies, students will learn about the geography of Maryland and natural/physical and human-made features.

Reminders

- Please
 - Let us know when a student will be absent. [Nicole Nichols@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Nicole_Nichols@mcpsmd.org) (attendance secretary).
 - Send in a charged chromebook daily.
 - Label your school supplies (lunch box, water bottles...)
- We can be reached through our e-mails or school phone number 240- 740-5670
 - [Kimberly D Leichtling@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kimberly_D_Leichtling@mcpsmd.org)
 - [Judith J Blackman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Judith_J_Blackman@mcpsmd.org)

Mrs. Leichtling and Ms. Blackman