

QHIA Weekly Update: November 4, 2016

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Hello QHIA families,

Thank you Shireen Doyle for subbing for me 2 days this week while I spent time caring for my daughter and her new baby (and sibling :) It is so great knowing the kids are in good hands while I'm gone! (I have attached baby pics :)

We had a wonderful turnout for our parent meeting. Click on the link for the minutes.

[QHIA Parent Mtg. Minutes 11/1/16](#)

2 main points that we discussed were 1)The need for parents to check emails regularly for assignment updates, important dates, etc. to help support their students 2) The need for parents to stay connected to the work that students were completing in class and their progress

In an effort to support this, I will always start my updates with important dates coming up, then go into details further down. Once a month on the Friday when paperwork is due, we will have a "Tea and Coffee" time for parents to come in and talk with other parents and look through their student's in class work from that month, ask questions, etc.

Important Homework Update for ALL STUDENTS

- 1) We are finishing our unit on Matter next Tuesday, Nov. 8. ALL science assignments on CK12 are due by this date. MOST STUDENTS will have to complete these assignments as homework between now and then. ***Please look at your student's CK12 Physical Science Assignments to see what they have to complete.**
- 2) Most students brought home a worksheet with notes on The Sons of Liberty. They are to transfer those notes into a 3 paragraph essay. We worked on this in class, and many needed to complete it at home by Monday. The following are the minimum requirements to include:
 1. Name and Date
 2. same size font throughout (12 point)
 3. 3 paragraphs only
 4. 1st sentence indented for each paragraph
 5. Topic sentence at the beginning of each paragraph
 6. Double spaced

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS in NOV./DEC.:

November 10: Month 3 Attendance Paperwork Due **(NEXT THURSDAY)**

November 11: NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day Holiday **(NEXT FRIDAY)**

November 15: Parent Ed Workshop Night with Martha: "Developing Higher-Order Thinking Skills and Effective Questioning Strategies" (Will also introduce Academic Vocabulary)

November 17: Life Touch School Picture Retakes

November 18: Capture the Flag at QH Ranch from 10:30-12:30

Nov. 21-25: Thanksgiving Break

December 2: Winter Holiday Craft Fair on QH campus from 10-2

December 16: Skate Day at SC Roller Palladium from 1-3

UPDATE:

Math and Physical Science

Students completed assignments according to their individual math program. Thanks to Alycia Schertz, students got some hands on experience with Sublimation, right in line with our study of Matter (going directly from solid to gas). They had fun creating these "Boo Bubbles" with dry ice. Thank you Alycia! We are finishing up our unit on Matter. The students worked hard on these assignments in class. They also played a Food Web game with Shireen when she subbed.

History and English

Dia de los Muertos

I showed the students an award-winning short animated film on this cultural tradition, and we discussed the many aspects of this tradition and which of us celebrate all or part of these traditions ourselves.

[Animated Story for Dia de Los Muertos](#)

Hamilton

I will be presenting an update on our program to the school board on Dec. 7, and they asked if our students wanted to perform something. The majority of the students wanted to perform the opening number of "Hamilton" in a spoken word format! We began practicing. I got goosebumps already!

Causes of the American Revolution

We are finishing up our unit on Causes. Students completed activities around the theme of "Sons of Liberty: Patriots or Terrorists". Most importantly, we discussed how perspective has everything to do with how we view historical events.

Classroom Culture

We hit a "reset" button on our classroom expectations for appropriate behavior and in particular, respectful language. The students also gave each other compliments regarding a theatrical make up sessions some of them had at lunch. Many of the boys volunteered to have their make-up done by some of the girls. I must say, the make up was expertly applied! They expressed how appreciative they were that no one made fun of anyone, they felt confident in themselves to participate, and they appreciated the compliments they were given. They expressed gratitude in being in a program where they felt they could explore this kind of activity without fear of being bullied or made fun of. Yes!

ELA

Students listened to an audio version of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Raven" narrated by Christopher Lee.

["The Raven" audio](#)

They also worked on how to transfer information from their notes into cohesive, properly formatted paragraphs.

Art

Each week I show the students a video "Inspiration". This week was from Japanese artist, Chie Hitotsuyama, and her recycled newspaper sculptures. Check out the link:

[Recycled Paper Animal Sculpture](#)

"Hamilton" spoken word practice

Monochromatic watercolor landscape

Theatrical Make Up tutorial

Thank you for sharing your students with me!

~Amber

All important info, including All Student Assignments and our calendar of events, will be accessible at any time here. Just click on this link:

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**Local Art Class Opportunity with Peggy Edwards. "Let's Draw Dragons!"
Check out the attachment.**