



Team Falney

September

WELCOME TO SIXTH GRADE

Welcome to "Team Falney" (Falci + Kinney = Falney). We are excited for the adventure that lies ahead. Sherman is a wonderful place where we know that your child will succeed.

On the back of this newsletter you will find the order of units for this school year. The best way that we can differentiate instruction is by learning how your child learns, learning what your child is interested in, and by presenting lessons in the most relevant way possible. We will do our best to present concepts in a variety of ways that will meet the needs of your child. A few of our differentiation practices include small group instruction, pre-assessments, flexible student grouping, and tiered assignments.

We are looking forward to a great year working with you and your child!

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Homework

Homework provides valuable practice and reinforces concepts that are learned during the day. Most nights there will be a math assignment consisting of a few problems, and for ELA there might be short assignment or students should read for at least 20 minutes every night. If students are struggling on a particular math problem, the math binder has notes that go with the problems assigned and there are videos on Mr. Kinney's website that help support the concepts taught in class. Periodically there may be a social studies or science assignment, or students may need to study for a test. Assignments will be recorded electronically using an app called Google Keep and emailed to families every day starting the first week of school. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.



ELA Units

Unit 1: Treasuring History

Unit 2: Exploring Earth and Its Forces

Unit 3: Defining Courage and Freedom

Unit 4: Innovating the Future

Math Units

Module 1: Ratios and Unit Rates

Module 2: Arithmetic Operations

Module 3: Rational Numbers

Module 4: Expressions and Equations

Module 5: Area, Surface Area, and Volume

Module 6: Statistics

Social Studies Units

*Present Day Eastern Hemisphere

*First Humans Throughout the Neolithic Era

*Early River Valley Civilizations

*Classical Civilizations

*Comparing World Religions

*Middle Ages in the Mediterranean Region

*Interactions Across the Eastern Hemisphere

Science Units

*Waves & Electromagnetic Radiation

*Energy

*Properties of Matter

*Structure, Function, & Information Processing

*Human Impacts- ISTE Capstone

*Matter and Energy in Organism and Ecosystems

Who is teaching what???

If your child is assigned to Mrs. Falci she will be your child's primary teacher for ELA, and likewise, if your child's assigned teacher is Mr. Kinney then he or she will have Mr. Kinney for ELA. Students will switch classrooms for mathematics and social studies/science. Mr. Kinney will teach math and Mrs. Falci will teach social studies and science units. There will be times that we will collaborate on PBIS, instructional technology, and other lessons. If you have any questions about your child at any time do not hesitate to contact either one of us. Our contact information is listed on the front of this newsletter.

PBIS @ Sherman

Whether you are a returning Sherman student, or new to Sherman, we wanted to let you know that PBIS will sound familiar. Like all schools in the district, we have the same five expectations of Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Ready to Learn, Be Caring, and Be Trustworthy. Students will have the opportunity to earn "Pride Prints" for demonstrating these expectations that are listed on Sherman's behavior matrix. How we use these Pride Prints will change throughout the year. The building theme this year is "Let your Sherman PRIDE Roar!"

Specials and Lunch Schedule

Lunch and recess is 12:00 - 12:30.

Specials every day are 1:47 - 2:37. Students in 6th grade will be mixed into different specials classes. That means we will not all go to PE, Art, and Music together as a class, but rather they will be mixed with other 6th grade students. Your child will have their individual schedule written on their desk and it will be their responsibility to be prepared for that special each day. They will also record this schedule in their online agenda.