



SIXTH GRADE



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Math

Want a piece of pie? Well November introduces the concept of fractions. We will explore adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying fractions.

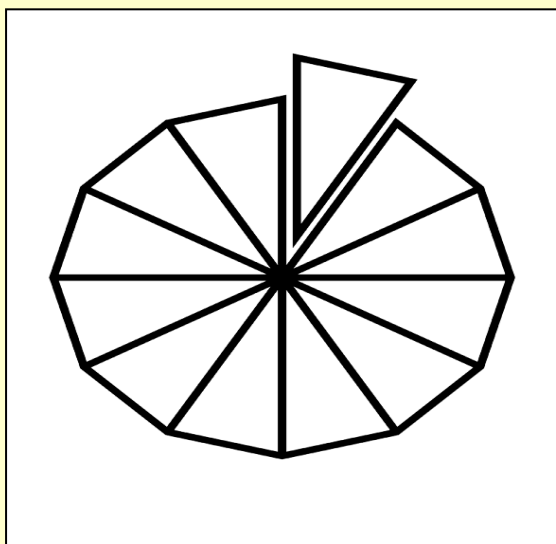
Science

Bring your jackets and meet us outside. Sixth Graders have become meteorologist. We will identify various patterns in weather. We will discover how to use weather tools to predict weather.

Reader and Writer's Workshop

We will be teaching students how to use writing as a tool for learning about a topic- a school topic such as "the causes of the Civil War" or a hobby such as " The Mets." One of the best ways to be a learner about a subject is to become a teacher about the subject. First students will write to teach about a subject they know well, and then about a subject they are studying. They will be writing a guidebook (ex: they could write a guidebook about traveling in a particular country) to something they know well, and then they will write a guidebook on a topic they are studying. They can also write about a topic they are studying during nonfiction reading.

During reading workshop students will be reading nonfiction books. Students will read and study different nonfiction topics. They will read to grasp what the author is trying to teach and determine what are the important details in the nonfiction books. Students will work with a group of three to four students to read on a single nonfiction topic. We will teach students to read to understand different perspectives and angles, or teach them to evaluate conflicting information between texts in order for students to acquire greater sophistication as readers of nonfiction.



Social Studies

Let's travel back in time to Ancient Egypt and investigate the pyramids, pharaohs, mummies and style of writing. We will demonstrate our comprehension through projects and multimedia presentations.