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Dear Parents,

If your child is absent, please don’t forget to send in a note when they return to school. Thanks for your help in this matter.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to reach me through email [jcollins@bridgeportdu.net](mailto:jcollins@bridgeportdu.net) , Main office (203) 576-7807, or cell phone (203) 954-9883. CelI service is very poor in my classroom, so if I do not answer, I will give you a call or text back as soon as I am able. Thanks!

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| ***Class &***  ***Teacher Information*** | ***Overview for the week*** | ***Test/Quizzes or Projects Due*** |
| **Reading & Writing:** specialized writing & reading for 6th, 7th & 8th  Ms. Collins  [jcollins@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:erodriguez@bridgeportedu.net) | **Reading**: **“Racing the Moon”**  **Writing:** Students are finishing their letter to a celebrity. They will then begin a 5-paragraph essay on What they are Thankful for. | **Monday**–Reading worksheet  **Tuesday**–Reading worksheet  **Wednesday-** Reading worksheet  **Thursday-**Reading worksheet |
| **Social Studies: 7th & 8th Grades**  Mrs. Hoffmann  [jhoffmann@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:jhoffmann@bridgeportedu.net)  Website:  <http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5688&> | **7th grade**: Grade 7 will be working in groups comparing Hiawatha with Deganawida. They will be responsible for readings and a Venn Diagram comparing the two men. This is in preparation for their Assured Experience and also their reader’s response.  They will also be constructing a Tree of Peace based on their readings.  This is also done with their group.  **8th grade:** will be working on their DBQ on Tyranny.  They will start writing their essay this week. | **7th grade:** Daily Homework – look in planner.  CNN take home Quiz given on Friday – Due on Monday-  **8th grade:** Daily Homework –look in planner.  CNN take home Quiz given on Friday – Due on Monday |
| **Science: 7th & 8th Grades**  Mrs. Scott-Thiam  [pscott@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:pscott@bridgeportedu.net)  Website:  <http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5687&> | **7th grade-** brainstorm science fair projects using the chrome books to browse for ideas. This week students will work in groups to engineer a pair of homemade shoes. On another note, students will be given the results of their *lab report* on the "*Density of Liquids*" this week. If they received a grade of 74 or lower, a parent signature is required. Students can rewrite a new lab report as long as the parent signature is present with the old lab attached to it.  **8th grade-**Students will learn about succession and biogeochemical cycles then begin a new unit on motion and forces. They will have a day in class to continue to brainstorm science fair projects. | **7th grade-**Homework given nightly – look in planner.  **Quiz on Tuesday**  **Science Fair Proposals Due!**  **8th grade-** Homework given nightly – look in planner.  **Chapter Test on Ecology Tuesday!!** |
| **Math:** specialized math for **8th grade**  Ms. Collins  jcollins@bridgeportedu.net | Continue working on algebraic equality equations that was introduced at the end of last week. | **Homework:** Nightly worksheet on algebraic equality equations.  **Students will be required to go on I-Ready nightly for 20 minutes minimum or do hardcopy worksheet.**  Quiz on Friday! |
| **Reading/Writing:**  Ms. Silano 7th GRADE  [tsilano@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:tsilano@bridgeportedu.net)  Website:  http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5685& | Student perspective pieces on "Pink & Say" are due. Students were required to write a narrative from the perspective of one of the text's main characters.  Students will be reading the text, *Seedfolks*, by Paul Feischman. They will be required to keep a daily reading log for each chapter of this text. The log will consist of individual summaries of each character depicted within each chapter of the text. Students will also begin their study of sentence structure this week and will be studying various types of sentences ranging from simple to complex. | **Homework: Look on PowerSchool and/or Planner for further information and details on homework assignments!**  **Characterization Test on Tuesday – Study guide went home last week.** |
| **Math:**  Ms. Taylor 7th Grade [dtaylor2@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:dtaylor2@bridgeportedu.net)  Website:  http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5686& | **7th grade –** This week the students will be working on rational numbers.  Work nightly on multiplication and division facts at home on  [www.math-drills.com](http://www.math-drills.com) | **Homework -** Practice nightly on multiplication & division facts!!  Monday: Scale Factor (Review from Friday)  Tuesday: Find the absolute value  Wednesday: Convert decimals to fractions  Thursday: Locate numbers on a number line  Friday: Convert Fractions to decimals |
| **6th Grade**  **Math –** Ms. Moran  [emoran@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:emoran@bridgeportedu.net)  **Science/Social Studies-**Ms. Naber  [wnaber@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:wnaber@bridgeportedu.net)  **Reading –** Ms. Zambrano  [azambrano@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:azambrano@bridgeportedu.net) | **Math-** Will start working on rates.  **Reading:**  We will continue with Number the Stars & look for character changes.  **Science:**  **Social Studies:** | **Math-**Multiplication Fluency quiz every Monday. Homework will be multiplication review.  **Reading:**  **Monday:** Reading Log (201) Vocab 2 Test  **Tuesday:** Reading Log  **Wednesday:**Compare and Contrast : super heroes/villains part 1  **Thursday:**Compare and contrast: super heroes/villains part 2 |

**Important Things to Remember!**

**Friday, October 21st – Picture Day! Students can wear regular clothes!**

**Wednesday, October 26th – Half Day of School**

**Field Trip Permission Slips and Monday Due by Friday!**

**WE NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO KEEP OUR ROOM CLEAN & HEALTHY!**

If each family could send in the following we would appreciate it!

One roll of paper towels

One container of disinfecting wipes

Two boxes of tissues

**Thank you to those that have sent in requested items – We appreciate it!**

Please look for your child’s class and grade below along with other important information for you to know. This newsletter serves as an overview of all classes. The teachers contact information is listed as well as their **website** for further information such as homework in that particular class. PowerSchool is also a very useful tool to check in for work in the class. If you do not know how to use PowerSchool, please let me know so that I can send home directions and log in information for you! ***Also, please feel free to reach out to the specific teacher if you have any comments and/or concerns. You can ‘cc me in an email if you are emailing them directly.***

I have noticed that some of the students are coming back to school with this newsletter along with other flyers and notices that are going home. Please look at your child’s homework folder and planner each night. This will ensure that your receiving all of the notices and information that are important for you to read.