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Dear Parents,

The halfway mark for the 2nd marking period was Friday. Progress reports will be sent home later this week.

7th & 8th Grade - Science Fair Hypothesis is due tomorrow, Tuesday 12/13/16. Please follow the rubric carefully!

I-Ready log for this week is attached to this newsletter. Two students did not turn have their I-Ready logs today. It is counted as a homework grade. Please make sure your student have it to turn in on each Monday. If they lost it, they can just write it up on a blank piece of paper. Thanks!

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**: Will continue reading Holes  **Writing:** Students will be working on their New Year Resolutions. We will also be completing the Social Studies DBQ essays this week. | **Monday**–Reading worksheet  Quiz on Holes  **Tuesday** – Reading worksheet  **Wednesday-** 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**: will continue to work on the DBQ on Jamestown.  **8th grade:** Continue to work on the DBQ on “Was the United States Justified Going to War With Mexico?“ | **7th grade:** Daily Homework – look in planner.  **8th grade:** Daily Homework –look in planner.  CNN News Quiz – 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** - will be completing a lab entitled "Identifying Vertebrates Using Classification Keys" after we review the difference between a cladogram and dichotomous key.  **8th grade-** are learning about Newton's Second Law of Motion. They are calculating for force, mass and acceleration with activity sheets given in class and for homework. They will also take two assessments this week to gauge their understanding and growth. | **7th grade-**Homework given nightly – look in planner.  **8th grade-** Homework given nightly – look in planner.  **7th & 8th grade –** **Science Fair** If students are unhappy with their "*research*" or "*materials and procedure*" grade of their science fair project, they can do it over again with the old one attached.  \*\*\*The hypothesis for their science fair projects is due tomorrow in all grades. Students were given the rubric last week.\*\*\* |
| **Math:** specialized math for **8th grade**  Ms. Collins  jcollins@bridgeportedu.net | Continue working on multiplication of 3 digits by 2 digits, and then 3 digits by 3 digits. | **Homework:** Nightly worksheets on multiplication of 3 digits by 2 digits, and 3 digits by 3 digits. |
| **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& | Students will be continuing their study of informational texts this week.  All of the texts are in the literature anthology.  - "Letter to the Daughters of the American Revolution" - Eleanor Roosevelt"  - "Eleanor Roosevelt" - William Jay Jacobs  - "The Autobiography of Eleanor Roosevelt" - Eleanor Roosevelt  Students will begin their biographical study of the life of Jackie Robinson. They will be asked to create a T-chart logging key characters and events from the biography.  Students will be engaged in an ongoing vocabulary study based on the biographical studies of both Eleanor Roosevelt and Jackie Robinson.  Students will be given specific focus words for their vocabulary study and will be required to create two graphic organizers for these focus words. These two graphic organizers will be counted as two separate homework grades for Written Expression. | **Homework:** Look on PowerSchool and/or Planner for further information and details on homework assignments!  **Due this past Friday – timeline for biography of Eleanor Roosevelt.**  **Tuesday** - Graphic organizer on Eleanor Roosevelt due  **Wednesday – test on Eleanor Roosevelt.** The test will be a series of text dependent responses based on the text titles above.  **Thursday** – Graphic organizer on Jackie Robinson due  **Friday** – T-chart on Jackie Robinson due. |
| **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 –**will be working on operations with rational numbers this week.  Work nightly on multiplication and division facts at home on  [www.math-drills.com](http://www.math-drills.com) | **Homework –**  Monday - No Homework (No class due to rehearsal for winter concert)  Tuesday - Lesson 2.5  Wednesday - Lesson 2.6  Thursday - Lesson 2.6  Friday - Operations with Rational Numbers Worksheet. |
| **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-**  **Reading**  **Science:**  **Social Studies**: | **Math-**Multiplication Fluency quiz every Monday. |

**Important Things to Remember!**

* **Students should go on I-Ready everyday! Log is due on Monday!**
* **Holiday Concert Grades Tuesday, December 13th Grades 5-8 6:00**
* **Holiday Sweater Dress Down - Monday, December 19th!**
* **8th Graders – NYC Trip $50 Deposit due by 12/19/2016!!**

**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!**

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.

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.