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| C:\Documents and Settings\Teacher\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\PN6REQHV\hug-club-clip-art-716[1].jpgMs. Collins’ Weekly Newsletter Room 21212/19/2016 - 12/23/2016 |

Dear Parents,

 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 , 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 & 8thMs. Collinsjcollins@bridgeportedu.net | **Reading**: Will continue reading Holes**Writing:** Students will be working on their 2016 Year in Reivew.  | **Monday**–Reading worksheet**Tuesday** – Reading worksheet**Wednesday-** Worksheet**Thursday-**Reading worksheet |
| **Social Studies: 7th & 8th Grades**Mrs. Hoffmannjhoffmann@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-Thiampscott@bridgeportedu.netWebsite:<http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5687&> | **7th grade** - will take a quiz Wednesday, Dec. 21st on classification, taxonomy and the classification system. Also, they are completing a lab on identifying vertebrates using a dichotomous key.  Students will know what day they present their science fair projects before they part for vacation.8th grade -will have a quiz on force & motion. Students are completing labs in class on gravity, force and mass. They will learn about friction and compare weight to gravity. Another lab will follow after science fair projects are completed when students return from vacation.  | **7th grade-**Homework given nightly – look in planner.**8th grade-** Homework given nightly – look in planner.**7th & 8th grade – Science Fair** **Students should be finishing their science fair experiments!!  Students will come home with a grading rubric for their presentation, lab report, and poster board. Parents are encouraged to grade their child's presentation to prepare them for the classroom presentation. It is suggested, not compulsory.  The more practice they have at home, the easier it will be to do in class.** |
| **Math:** specialized math for **8th grade**Ms. Collinsjcollins@bridgeportedu.net | Continue working on order of operations. | **Homework:** Nightly worksheets on order of operations.. |
| **Reading/Writing:** Ms. Silano 7th GRADEtsilano@bridgeportedu.netWebsite:http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5685& | Students will be continuing their study of informational text. They will be reading two texts about Jackie Robinson (student's literature anthology on pages 846-849). They will be examining author's tone, purpose, and text features in relation to this text. Students will be also be reading a short biography on Malcolm X where they will be exploring such concepts as author's claim and text structure (page 826 of their literature text). Students will also be reviewing and studying vocabulary words from Robinson's text found on 833 of their text entitled "The Noble Experiment". The words can be found under the "Vocabulary in Context" portion of the page. Students will be focusing on the five paragraph format for essay writing.  They will be writing a thesis based paper where they will be focusing on their favorite holiday. A fully completed draft of this essay will be due on Friday of this week in their Writer's Workshop notebook. A final copy of this paper will be due after the holiday break tentatively on January the 4th. | **Homework:** Look on PowerSchool and/or Planner for further information and details on homework assignments! |
| **Math:** Ms. Taylor 7th Grade dtaylor2@bridgeportedu.net**Website:** http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5686& | **7th grade –** will be having a test on Thursday on operations with positive and negative numbers.Wednesday's class period will be used for students to ask any questions they may have.Work nightly on multiplication and division facts at home on [www.math-drills.com](http://www.math-drills.com)  | **Homework –** Monday - Operations with positive and negative decimalsTuesday - Operations with positive and negative decimalsWednesday - Test Review Thursday - No  HomeworkFriday - No Homework  |
| **6th Grade****Math –** Ms. Moranemoran@bridgeportedu.net **Science/Social Studies-**Ms. Naberwnaber@bridgeportedu.net **Reading –** Ms. Zambranoazambrano@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 every Monday!**

**Christmas Break**

**Half day of school on Friday, December 23rd**

 **Break is from Saturday, December 24th – Monday, January 2, 2017**

**School Resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd**

* **No School on Friday, January 6th – Three Kings Day**

**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.