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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.

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.***

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 5-page essay on ADHD. Students will start a new essay on Sleep disorders, again practicing new skill of writing an essay using their own words. | **Monday**–Reading worksheet  **Tuesday**–Reading worksheet  **Wednesday-** Reading worksheet  **Thursday-**Reading worksheet  **Friday-**Quiz on **Racing the Moon – Chapters 6 - 12** |
| **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 be completing their Assured Experience on The Lost Colony: Roanoke-Essay due on Tuesday!! Next topic is Iroquois Confederacy.  **8th grade:** Continue working on the Constitution and their DBQ on Tyranny. Also discussing Judicial Branch and completing a work packet. QUIZ on Thursday on basic Constitution facts. | **7th grade:** Daily Homework – look in planner.  CNN take home Quiz given on Friday – Due on Monday- Essay due on Tuesday!!  **8th grade:** Daily Homework –look in planner.  CNN take home Quiz given on Friday – Due on Monday  QUIZ on Thursday!! |
| **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-** students are completing a lab on the density of three liquids. They have tested the float height and currently are reviewing their lab questions together to prepare for writing a scientific lab report. Quiz on ***Wednesday, Sept. 28th***. Students will begin to write their lab report in class and complete at home. Rubrics will be passed out to help guide the write up.  **8th grade-** students will present their Biomimicry prototypes & be graded on the rubric provided to each group. They will learn about adaptation, predation, competition and symbiotic relationships in an ecosystem. | **7th grade-**Homework given nightly – look in planner.  **Quiz on Wednesday “Math Skills in Science”-based on the last two weeks of homework.**  **8th grade-** Homework given nightly – look in planner.  A quiz will be given on Friday on adaptations and energy roles. |
| **Math:** specialized math for **8th grade**  Ms. Collins  jcollins@bridgeportedu.net | Continue working on beginning concepts of Algebra, i.e. reading work problems, determining the algebraic expression, and solving the problem. | **Homework:** Nightly worksheets on writing algebraic equations.  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& | Students this week will be studying characterization using the text "Amigo Brothers" by Pri Thomas in their literature anthology. They will be focusing on theme & character conflict in relation to this text.  After we will start *Seedfolk* by Paul Fleischman. Students will be keeping a reading log of this text consisting of chapter summaries.  During Written Expression, students will be exploring a district performance writing task based on the text, *Pink & Say*. They will be provided with a packet of text dependent questions for their coverage of this text. | **Homework: Look on PowerSchool and/or Planner for further information and details on homework assignments!** |
| **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 –** Working on solving proportions.  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-Friday-**solving **Proportions** written as fractions and through word problems |
| **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 continue using ratios to solve problems. Our homework will focus on a review of adding & subtracting mixed numbers.  **Reading:**  This week we will be introduced to the book "Number the Stars" (NTS)  **Science:**  **Social Studies:** | **Math-**Multiplication Fluency quiz every Monday.  **Test on Wednesday, October 5th on ratios** - study guide will be send home by this Wednesday.  **Reading:**  **Monday:** Reading log and Before you read worksheet  **Tuesday:** Reading log and The Holocaust article  **Wednesday:**Reading Log **and Fluency: Over the Rainbow**  **Thursday:** Reading Log and use chapter 1-3 study guide for NTS quiz |

**Important Things to Remember!**

**Monday, October 3rd – No School – Rosh Hashanah**

**Monday, October 10th – No School – Italian Heritage Day**

**Wednesday, October 13th – No School – Yom Kippur**

**Gym Day**

**Bring shorts, t-shirt, sneakers to change into!**

**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!**

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.