



HOLYOKE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWS LETTER

Directors News

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

It has been a great start to our school year! Thank you to our families and friends who attended our Fall Open House, the Parent Connection Book Fair and supported our Lions Cheerleaders Bake Sale!

Friendly reminder—The lower school dance is on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 6pm - 8pm. Pajama Day will take place on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 and we will have a Half-Day the same day. Students will be leaving at 12pm on Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

School Closed—Thursday, November 28, 2019 and Friday, November 29, 2019 school will be closed for Thanksgiving Recess. Students will return to school Monday, December 2, 2019.



Mission Statement

“ The mission of HCCS is to promote the joy of learning and to prepare children for success as students, workers and citizens by providing them with a high quality public education.”

- HCCS Family



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 01-15th - Fundraiser
- ◆ Monday, November 11, 2019– School Closed/ Veteran’s Day
- ◆ Tuesday, November 12, 2019– Parent Connection Meeting (5:30pm)
- ◆ Wednesday, November 13, 2019– PeoplesBank Deposit Day
- ◆ Friday, November 15, 2019 - Lower School Dance 3-5 (6:00-8:00pm)
- ◆ Friday, November 22, 2019 - HCCS Family Fun Night Hockey Game (7:00pm)
- ◆ Wednesday, November 27, 2019 - Pajama Day/ Half Day (12pm dismissal)
- ◆ November 28th & 29th - School Closed– Thanksgiving Break

Grade K

English: The students will learn the letters and formations of O,P,Q,R,S,T. In handwriting they will learn formation of letters for O, P,Q,R,S,T. In Anthology they will read and comprehend stories.

Math: Students will be able to identify numbers 0 -10. They will be able to identify different positional terms. Also, 2D shapes: circle, triangle, rectangle, square and they will know all their colors.

Science: Students will identify natural and man made objects. They will also be able to identify objects around us.

Social Studies: Students will familiarize themselves with Veterans’ Day and Thanksgiving.

Spanish: Students will be learning the numbers 1-10 and the colors yellow, green, orange. Also body parts.



Grade 1

English: This month students will answer questions about key details in text. They will read nonfiction articles and will learn how to distinguish between information provided by pictures and words. They will also be analyzing non fiction text features and working on writing a narrative story about an event that happen in their lives. In phonics they will learn consonant digraphs– ch,sh,th,wh.

Math: Add numbers up to 15 using a number line. Find missing addends up to 15 using drawings or a number line. They will learn to subtract numbers up 15 and how to solve word problems on adding or subtracting.

Science: Students will be identifying objects that stay in the sky for a long time. They will identify objects that stay in the daytime and nighttime sky for along time. Also learn to define a moon phase and recognize how often the phases of the moon repeat.

Social Studies: Unit 2 they will be learning about our Earth. They will learn about our land, our country, and where we get our natural resources from. In addition we will be breaking down where we live from country, state, city and towns.

Spanish: The class will begin a unit about “My School”, They will work on the consonants cr, dr, fl and writing short sentences.

Grade 2

English: Throughout November students will begin combining sentences to make paragraphs. They will begin to work on subject/verb agreement and verb tenses. Also students will be reading some great stories such as Nature's Tiny Creatures, The Beeman and Bees and Bee Colonies.

Math: Students will learn Odd and Even numbers. They will learn telling time to the hour, half hour and five minute intervals. Also counting coins and manipulating collections of coins.

Science: Students will learn about deposition, erosion, and weathering. Learn about humus and soil. Also landforms, including mountains, plains, plateaus, and valleys.

Social Studies: They will learn about regions: landform, plant, language. Natural resources and recycling. Students will also learn about customs, cultures, immigrants and ancestors.

Spanish: Unidad 2: Los números ordinales y están trabajando en Los días de la semana y meses del año. Adverbio de lugar.

Grade 3

English: Students will be reading informational texts about turtles and tortoises. They will compare and contrast them. In writing, they will use what they learned to write a informational paragraph linked to "Turtles" and "Tortoises". In grammar students are looking at adverb and prepositions

Math: Students will be learning the multiplication tables up to 12x10. They will also be learning about lines, rays, line segments, angles, and polygons.

Science: Students will be learning about thermal and electrical energy. They will also learn about forces and motion.

Social Studies: Students will learn about Wampanoag, the Native Americans who first inhabited Massachusetts.

Spanish: Antología: Los castores. Pandir el castor y Pedro y el lobo, A mi burro.

Grade 4

English: Students will be reading a series of stories and informational texts about the Yoruba, a kingdom in West Africa. They will learn about their origins, as well as their lives today. In grammar, students are looking at different verb tenses.

Math: Students will be solving word problems involving multiplication and division. They will also be solving multi step word problems.

Science: Physical Science: Chapter 2: Heat, Light, and Sound Section 1: Thermal Energy 2: Transfer of Thermal Energy 3: Light Energy

Social Studies: Students will learn about natural resources and how people use them to make useful products.

Spanish: Se estarán discutiendo las historias de Antología, Las manos de mi madre y el gigante y el sastro. En gramática se estarán cubriendo los capítulos de los adjetivos y los artículos.

Grade 5

English: Students will read "Buffalo Woman".

They will work on adverbs, opinion paragraphs, and comparing text structures. They will also be learning about *Alice's Adventure in Wonderland*.

Math: Students will be working on multiplying and dividing.

Science: In November students will be learning about space, including all about Earth's rotation/revolution, the moon and the planets in our solar system.

Social Studies: Students will learn about early French, Spanish, and Dutch explorers, including the first settlements in North America. This will include topics about Pilgrims and Puritans in Jamestown.

Spanish: En antología estaremos leyendo la lectura de Los ratones y El cachorro y el tigre. En gramática estaremos aprendiendo sobre los verbos irregulares y los adjetivos calificativos.

Grade 6

English: Students will learn about Frida Kahlo. They will also work on adverbs, prepositions, and informational paragraphs.

Math: Students will learn division of decimals and whole numbers. They will learn what a percent is and how to calculate a percent of a number. They will also learn about ratios and unit rates.

Science: Students will be learning the make-up of the Earth, Sun, and Moon. The solar system consists of planets, stars, asteroids, galaxies and many more concepts will be discussed.

Social Studies: Physical geography, brief history, and current issues in Southwest Asia (the Middle East). They will also learn the brief history, and current issues in North Africa, Mesopotamia, and Ancient Egypt.

Spanish: Los valores humanos: La obediencia/Pinocho. Gramática Básica: Adjetivos demostrativos, adjetivos posesivos y verbos regulares en tiempo presente. Revisión y edición final de un texto normativo.

Grade 8

English: Students will read another short story, our first poem (a Sonnet), and two biographies. Topics to be covered are theme, imagery, main idea, author's purpose, point of view, and summarizing. In writing students will focus on the features of an essay and following the writing process. In grammar they will cover verb tenses, adverbs, adjectives, and prepositions.

Math: Students will work on solving linear equations with variables on both sides. They will also learn linear equations with more than one variable, and finding the slope of a straight line.

Science: Students will begin a unit on cells and will discuss the basic structures of life. They will get a better understanding of the cellular nature of life and cell processes. Students will also be using microscopes to see cell structures.

Social Studies: Students will focus on the President and Vice President/ The President's Powers and Roles. They will learn about making foreign policy/ How the Executive Branch works. Also Federal courts/ The Federal Court System.

Spanish: Gramática Intermedia 1. Antología 3-Readings 1. El pez globo 2. El zurrón que cantaba. Escritura 3-texto argumentativo.

Grade 7

English: Students will be analyzing and appreciating the Folk Tale, "The Girl Who Hunted Rabbits", and a short story from the American South, "Beyond the Bayou". They will also be reading and analyzing some challenging non-fiction with, "Regionalism: Forming an American Identity", and two contradictory articles about the California Rush. Also working on doing cross textual analysis and a compare and contrast essay to write about the non-fiction articles.

Math: Students will work on one-step equations using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. They will work on solving multi-step equations, involving all four operations. Also multi-step equations with variables on both sides.

Science: Students will be discussing how the surface of the Earth changes over time. They will be learning about earthquakes, volcanoes and erosion.

Social Studies: Physical geography, brief history, and current issues in China, Korea, Japan and Southeast.

Spanish: Students will work on Gramática Básica 3. They will also work on Antología 3: readings 1; Belleza y el amor, 2; La Naturaleza. For writing they will focus on texto explicativo.

Gym

The students will learn their Warm-ups. Also, skill practice (throwing, catching, and rolling)

They will also learn how to play tag, fitness activities and team games.

Computers

Students in grades K-2 will begin typing and creating story-books.

Students in grades 3-6 will be working on presentations.

Reminder!

If you are dismissing your child early from school, please call before 11am.