

What's the Scoop?

Get the inside scoop on Miss Chamoun's classroom!
The Skokie School ★ December 2014

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

A Word from Your Teacher...

The weather outside may be frightful, but inside Room 115, the atmosphere is sure delightful! Students are doing a wonderful job of cooperatively working with each other on various projects and assignments in class.



The past month in class, 6th graders have been working diligently on their World Cultures Fair project. The purpose of the assignment was to not only learn strong researching strategies and work collaboratively in a group, but it was to also teach students about the importance of their assigned country before becoming the country's Model UN delegate. In the future, students will be speaking on behalf of the country to discuss issues that the country is facing and to problem-solve.

Further, students have been working hard to write their narrative about the idea of belonging/fitting in. Students brainstormed by generating various ideas of when he/she fit in or did not fit in. Then, they outlined the narrative by creating a theme for their written piece. Finally, they drafted and revised using grammar skills (clauses and sentence structure) and writing strategies (dialogue, inner thinking, and figurative language) that were taught throughout the unit. I hope they took the time to share their first writer's workshop piece with you!

As we move into the new trimester, 6th graders will be discussing various genres to begin organizing our classroom library. Students will also engage in an independent reading project, where they will have a choice of different ways to showcase the novels they read to their peers this first trimester.

As if the trimester isn't busy enough, students are still working toward their IR goal. They will create new goals before winter break. It is my goal to encourage students to read for pleasure outside of school and to challenge them to be lifelong learners.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me (information below). Have a relaxing and warm holiday season!



My wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!
DM Dellinger

Reminders

- Please be sure to keep up with your IR goal, as you do not want to fall behind on your goals. We will continue to revisit your goals each month during conferencing and self-reflection.
- Students, many of you are forgetting to submit your homework. Please be sure to look at your assignment notebook or my website for deadlines. Please be sure to look out for Friday lunch passes if you are missing anything for me!
- Report card checklists went home just before break. Students will be taking home a narrative with my feedback, as well as a reflection sheet for this past trimester. Be on the look out for this in the next week!

Parents

**Each month, I'll feature different questions you can ask your child to start conversations at home. Some questions may be recurring, since they are activities or themes we will discuss throughout the year. Happy conversing ☺!*

1. How are you progressing or not progressing toward your IR goal? What can you do to improve or continue reaching for that goal?
2. Did you meet your writing goal with the narrative? Why or why not?
3. What IR novel project did you choose? Why did you choose this?
4. What is one way in which you were kind to someone this week?

Mark Your Calendar!

• **Dec. 19- January 5:** Winter break! Enjoy your time off with family and friends ☺.



School and District News

District & Skokie

- For updated district news, please visit www.winnetka36.org.

Happy Birthday Shout Outs!

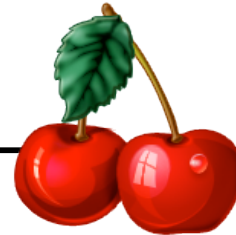
- Andrii S. → December 10
- Molly W. → December 10



The Cherry on Top...

During each month, I will be observing students who have shown outstanding growth, who have upheld Advisory values, and/or who have helped to strengthen our classroom community. Two 6th graders will be awarded student of the month in Miss Chamoun's class.

- **Taylor D. & Ryan K.** {Always giving 110% and being kind toward others}
- **Wylie W. & Caleb A.** {Being kind to others and working hard on the narrative}



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