

What's the Scoop?

Get the inside scoop on Miss Chamoun's classroom!
Carleton Washburne School ★ Aug./Sept. 2014

Wild About Learning!

A Word from Your Teacher...

Welcome to Miss Chamoun's Language Arts/Social Studies classroom, where we are "Wild About Learning." As a team, we will be working together to create reading and writing goals while learning about ancient civilizations through essential questions. It is my goal to help your child achieve his/her own goals, and encourage him/her to discover the world through reading and writing.

For the 2014-15 school year, there is a lot to accomplish! The 6th graders are going to be learning about three main units: Belonging, Building, and Legacy. They will kick start the busy year learning about what it means to belong. Students will be researching ancient civilizations, such as Greece, Rome, Egypt and the Middle Ages, as well as reading and writing various fiction and nonfiction pieces, while focusing on the following essential questions: What does it mean to belong to a group, community, and/or family? How does identity contribute to the sense of belonging? How do challenges in environment, experience, geography, economy, etc. influence identity and belonging?

With the implementation of the new national standards, The Common Core, it is my hope to provide rigorous, yet nurturing activities and discussions that will foster students' strengths and build upon their weaknesses. Furthermore, through my background in differentiation, I hope to continue to individualize instruction, based on data collected throughout each unit, in order to assist students in achieving success at his/her own level.

I look forward to a successful start to a wonderful year ☺. Please contact me should you have any questions/concerns!



The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Reminders

- As you start your first IR novel for the month, don't forget the opportunity to recommend novels to your peers to tell them what world you got lost in while reading! See the "Reading Takes Us Around the World" bulletin board or Miss C for more details!
- Please be sure to keep up with your IR, as you do not want to fall behind on your goals. We will revisit your goals each month during conferencing and self-reflection.

Parents

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

1. What is your Independent Reading {IR} novel about? Why did you choose this novel?
2. What does it mean to belong?
3. What procedures or expectations in Miss Chamoun's class are realistic for you? What may be a struggle for you?
4. On a scale of 1-5 {5 being the best}, how was the first week/day/month of school? Explain.

Mark Your Calendar!

- **August 25:** First Day of School
- **Sept 1:** Labor Day—No school ☺
- **Sept 4:** Go-To-School Night
- **Sept 9:** Picture Day!
- **Sept. 25:** Religious holiday—No school ☺



School and District News

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Happy Birthday Shout Outs!

A very special happy birthday to the following students in Miss Chamoun's Advisory:

- **Matias N:** Aug. 5
- **Lauren L:** Aug. 27
- **Taylor D:** Aug. 28
- **Michael K:** Sept. 8



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. 1-2 6th graders will be awarded student of the month in Miss Chamoun's class. Check back next month to see who was the Cherry on Top!



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