

MR. JOHN - GRADE EIGHT

JANUARY

The International School



A Recap..

As the winter break approaches, and the year continues to move forward, let's take the time to reflect upon what we've done over the last month. First, I'd like to thank all of the parents who were able to come to the end of semester conferences. It's been a good semester, and we've witnessed a lot of positive improvements. The goal for this semester is to continue to build upon their skills and ensure that they are moving forward and upwards. In English, we've been working through the most recent Keystone Unit. The goal for this semester is to continue to build upon their core skills and ensure that the students are moving forward and upwards. In English, we've been working through Keystone Units two and three. Building upon core English skills such as reading comprehension, grammar, sentence structures and fluency, the Keystone Units are a foundational way to enhance language acquisition. We've also begun preparing students with the MLA formatting. Using Perdue Owl's guidelines, I have been working along side Alexa Massey to ensure that students understand and are able to apply the MLA formatting to standardize writing such as essays and personal letters. Sourcing is of primary concern, and we have been working diligently to ensure that students understand the idea of intellectual property, and understand how to properly pay tribute to ideas that come from anyone but the student. In Science, we've been working with systems, both natural and man-made, and will likely work to build a simple machine after the winter break. In Math, we worked on and have just finished our unit on Order of Operations and Ratio's, Percentages and Fractions. In Social Studies, we finished our big Unit that stretched from the beginning of the year, and have moved forward to events post confederation. Thank you all for a great beginning of the semester, and thank you all for your support and cooperation in ensure that our students are successful.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

English Personal Essay
30/01/2020

Winter Break
08/02/2020- 23/02/2020

Spelling Bee Preliminaries
26/02/202

Spelling Bee Finals
12/03/20