

November Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I wanted to let you know about some exciting changes to our Star Citizen Program at YBES. The program, now called *Great Gators*, will kick off this month and will encourage students to show the *Great Gator* attributes of: carin**G**, s**A**fe, cour**te**ous, h**O**nest, **R**espectful, and respon**S**ible. The students will be making personal and class goals each month and be working to achieve their goals. I can't wait to recognize the great things your children do! Feel free to check in their take home folder to look at their "Great Gator Report."

The math study guide for unit 4 is now on the YBES website and your child will be receiving a copy shortly. Please use the study guide and Student Reference Book (which should be coming home each night) to review what they learned in class each night! This will teach them long term study skills and prepare them for the end of unit assessment.

Also, I am hoping to start Scholastic Book orders this month so please be looking for that in your child's take home folder if you are interested in ordering. Lastly, just a reminder that the YBES Gator Aid that is full of important information, is posted on the website every Thursday or Friday.

As always, if you have any questions please let me know (Sarah.DeVan@hcps.org or 410-638-4190). Thanks for all of your support!

~Miss DeVan

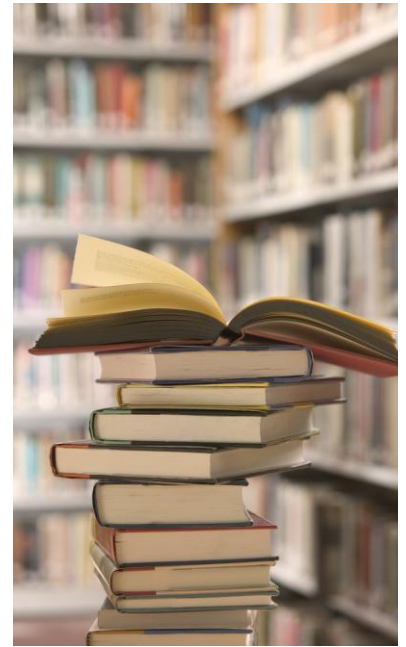
Curriculum Updates:

Reading: The students will continue reading short stories from their anthologies with the theme of common goals and working together.

Writing: We will begin to create our own informative pieces of writing.

Math: We will complete unit 4 on division using the partial quotients method and the standard algorithm. (SRB pg 22-24)

Science: We will begin our unit on Weather and Astronomy and take a trip to the planetarium on November 24th.



NOTES...

- Thank you so much for all of your contributions to the Harvest for the Hungry. The final day is Friday, November 13th.
- Please remember to sign your child's planner **each** night. Your signature indicates that you are aware of their assignments and that they have read for 20 minutes each night. Also, please ask your students if they have any papers for you to sign and then return them to school.
- American Education Week Grandparents Day is November 15th and the 18th is Fifth Grade Day.
- November 24th is our second day at the Planetarium. Please remember to **pack** your child a lunch on that day!
- I am really looking forward to meeting with you for Parent Conferences on **November 5th**. My conferences will be held in the intermediate **Media Center**.