



# Mme. Purdy-Weir's Post APRIL 2024

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**Marshview Middle School**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 8th**—Early Dismissal at lunch—Solar Eclipse

**April 10th**—Engage Showcase Assembly, Periods 3 & 4

**April 15th**—No classes—Parent/Teacher Conferences (a.m.) and Teacher Professional Learning—more info to follow

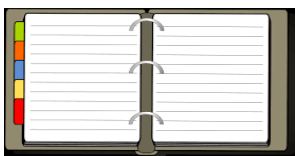
**April 17th**—Focus on Mental Health—presentations in p.m.

**April 22nd**—EARTH DAY—clean up



## REMINDERS

\* **AGENDAS**—Please continue to check and initial your student's agenda and Reading Log nightly to ensure that all homework is being completed properly and that there is no correspondence.

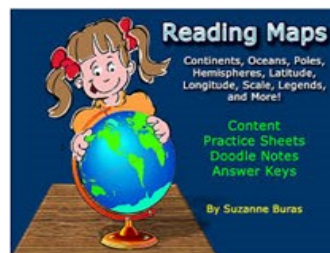


## OUR FOCUS THIS MONTH:



I am back! I enjoyed my 5 week leave but am ready to tackle the last 12 weeks of this year with 5PW students! This month we continue our social studies unit. During my absence, the class spent time learning general geography, including a review of the Earth's continents, oceans, poles, hemispheres and how to read and find places on a map. We will now study Nubia, an ancient society (now extinct) which

once prospered on the banks of the Nile in what is today known as Sudan in northern Africa. We will study the many facets of Nubian life including transportation, communication, food, architecture, clothing, economy, and leisure activities. As usual all aspects of FILA will be incorporated into our social studies unit. Near the end of April we will move back to science when I introduce *Forces and Simple Machines*,



## ELA NEWS:

In ELA this month we will finish our class novel and begin work on a research project. The class will begin by studying a common topic. I will model how to conduct research for a project using the iPads and our school library's resources. We will learn how to distinguish what is important and factual information, how to cite references in a bibliography, choose photos, etc. as they



pertain to our chosen subject. Following completion of this group project, students will choose and research a topic of their choice—THE PASSION PROJECT. We will also continue with weekly mini-lessons on punctuation, paragraphing, parts of speech, and reading comprehension.

## MATHEMATICS NEWS:

This month we review our practice of mental math strategies for multiplication and then we will move along to division. Time will be spent reviewing simple division facts before moving into long division of 3-digit by 1-digit numbers. Students who do not yet know their multiplication facts (up to 9 x 9) by heart are strongly encouraged to continue to review these at home nightly, using the game suggestions provided or the website [www.timestables.com](http://www.timestables.com) for extra practice.