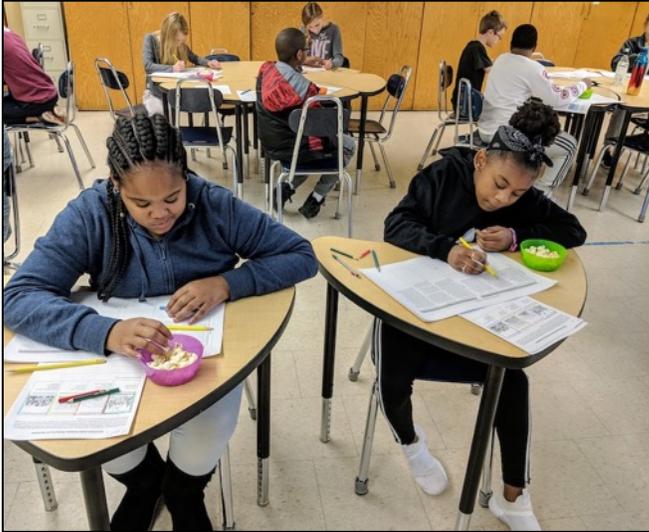


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The Newsletter of Record for Sixth Grade

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Passage Season Begins



Although June feels like a faraway time, it will be here before you know it. Based on past experiences, December is the time to get started on planning for Passage. Students received the Passage Info sheet (the same one we shared during Open House and is now available on the class webpage) and we reviewed the components of Passage 2019. Yes, it is an intensive process, but streamlined over the years to be more student-centered. Our first written piece is perhaps the most difficult, Reflecting on Rochester. By reviewing their past expeditions and looking for cause-effect relationships among them, students will craft a guiding question to research and write a three to five page paper on their topic.

The paper will require students to conduct research from print and online resources, as well as tap into expedition products and reflections from their portfolios. As we shared with the students, it is a challenging, but immensely rewarding process. While most sixth-graders have final exams that assess knowledge in silos, Passage is an opportunity to see the connections and reflect upon skills, knowledge, and character during their journey at GCCS. Our work in this field has been adopted by other EL Education schools in the region, many of whom attend student presentations as panelists. It's good work worth doing!

SMART Goals In Progress



We launched our annual SMART goals project this week and we are excited by the depth and diversity of the goals the kids have set for themselves. If you are new to SMART goals, these are academic and social/ behavioral goals kids set for themselves that are: **S**pecific; **M**asurable; **A**ction-oriented; **R**ealistic & **R**elevant; and **T**ime bound. Students have shared their first draft with peers and will get teacher-feedback before committing to their goals – and making them public. This part helps hold the class accountable to supporting everyone's success. Students will report out on their goals during Student-led conferences on February 15th.



Simon Says...

- ✓ **Potluck Help** - The students have decided that we should contribute to the potluck by cooking some food as well as hosting! We will need about ten crockpots for Dec. 13-14. If you have one we can borrow, please let us know (and thank you!).
- ✓ **Snack**- Yes, we are on our last weeks' worth of edibles. Consider adding a little something to your cart during your next shopping expedition.
- ✓ **Math Reminder** - We have a math test Tuesday, 12/4. Students should review their menu work, look at errors and solutions, continue on with Khan Academy, and practice their multidigit multiplication and division.

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