



7th Grade Purple Team Open Pod Meeting

March 21st, 2016

Counseling

Developmental Expectations for 7th Graders:

- ★ Improving ability to independently ask for help from teachers (self-advocacy skills)
- ★ Gaining skills in executive functions, such as time management, study habits, prioritizing and organization
- ★ Becoming more aware of setting realistic goals
- ★ Navigating social problem-solving with adult support, when needed
- ★ Allowing kids to learn from their academic & social mistakes (natural consequences)

7th Grade Developmental Counseling Lessons

- ★ A variety of topics will be covered in classroom lessons, such as:
 - SMART Goal Setting (academic and personal goals)
 - Resiliency
 - Problem-solving and Conflict Resolution
 - Peer Pressure
 - Understanding Stereotypes

Relay for Life



7th grade fundraiser

- Goal: full participation
 - Raising awareness, raising money

Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society

The Main Event:

Saturday May 7 from 2-8p.m. at Staples

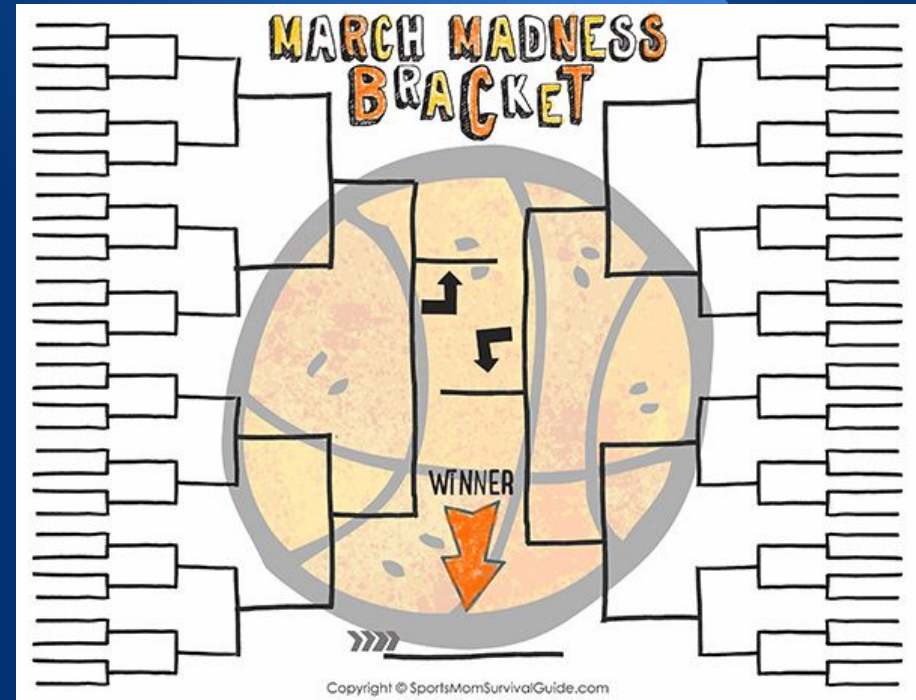
Team Tech Expectations

1. We use tech with permission

Violating Acceptable Use Agreement may result in suspension from tech use

2. IF THERE IS AN TECH ISSUE AT HOME, PLEASE SEND A BRIEF NOTE, EMAIL, or VOICEMAIL

- internet, printer issues, etc.
- Worst case, the Media Center is open early at 7:30am and or ask homeroom teacher next morning for help



Social Studies

Finishing Modernization and Progress Unit

- Test on Thursday March 24th
- Argumentative essay to follow:
 - Does modernization always mean progress?

Next Unit: Global Citizenship

- Reading *Bomb* by Steve Sheinkin
- **Research Project:** How can global citizens ensure that new technologies are being used to benefit society?

Social Studies Continued

Skills:

- Reading
 - Annotating,
 - notetaking
- Research
 - Developing questions
 - Finding answers
- Argumentative Writing
 - Developing claims
 - Supporting claims with evidence
 - Explaining the connection between the evidence and claim
- Presentation
 - Presenting capstone project

Language Arts

**Most Recent Unit =
Writers' Workshop: Writing about Reading**

**Next Unit =
Argument: Research, Writing & Debate**

**Final Units =
Memoir: Reading & Writing Personal Narratives
Historical Fiction Book Clubs**

Writing About Reading

It begins with choice!

Freedom to explore ideas
(with support)

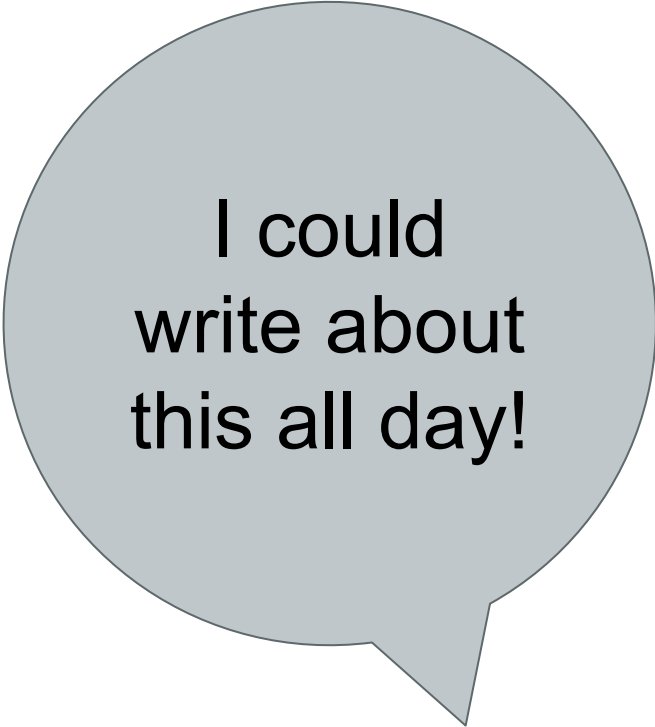
Recursive revision

Deeper literary analysis

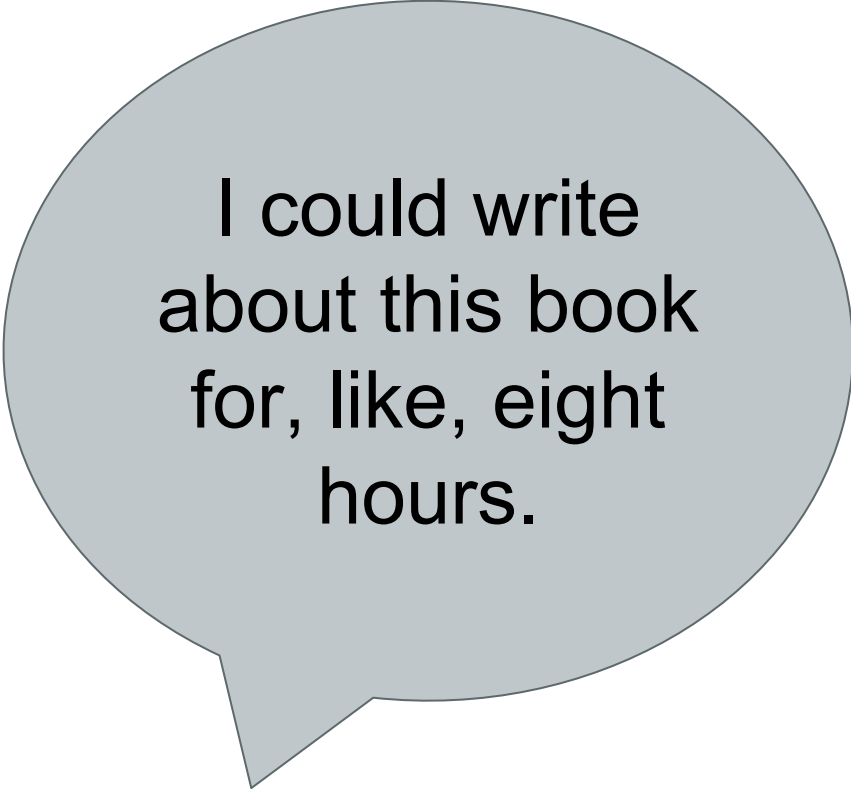
End Product: Companion Guide

Choice

Actual quotes overheard in LA class during this unit...

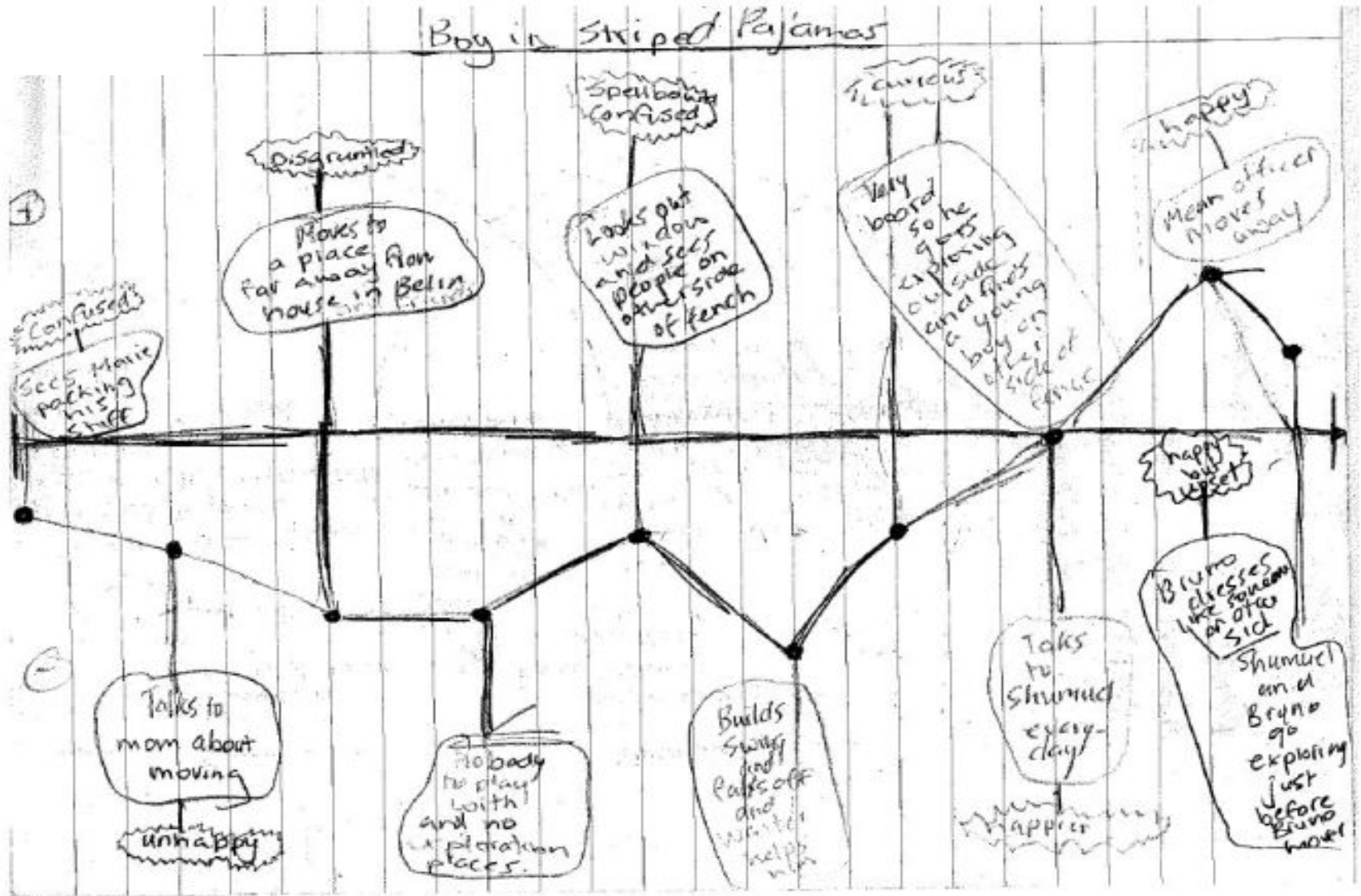


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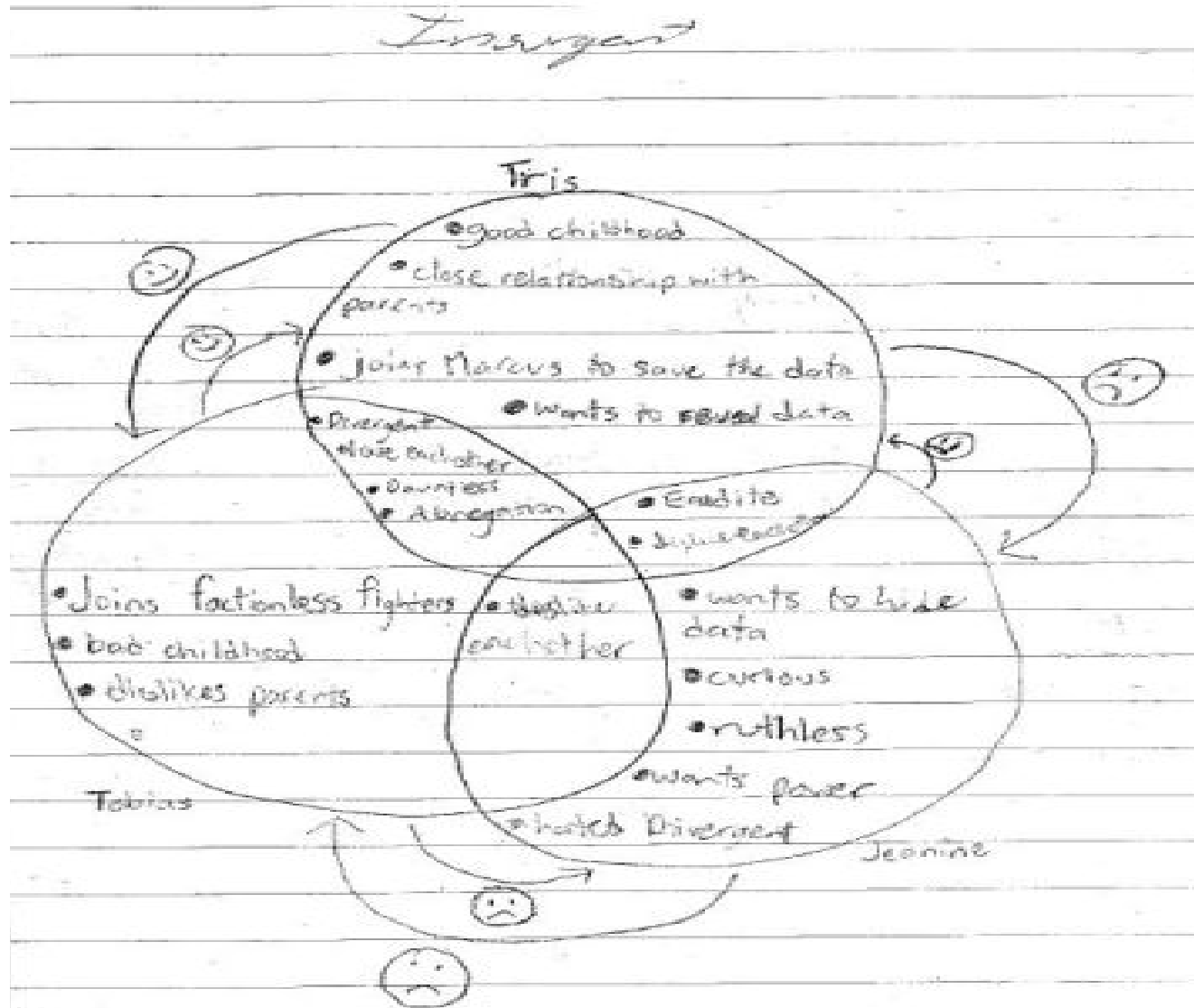


I could write about this book for, like, eight hours.

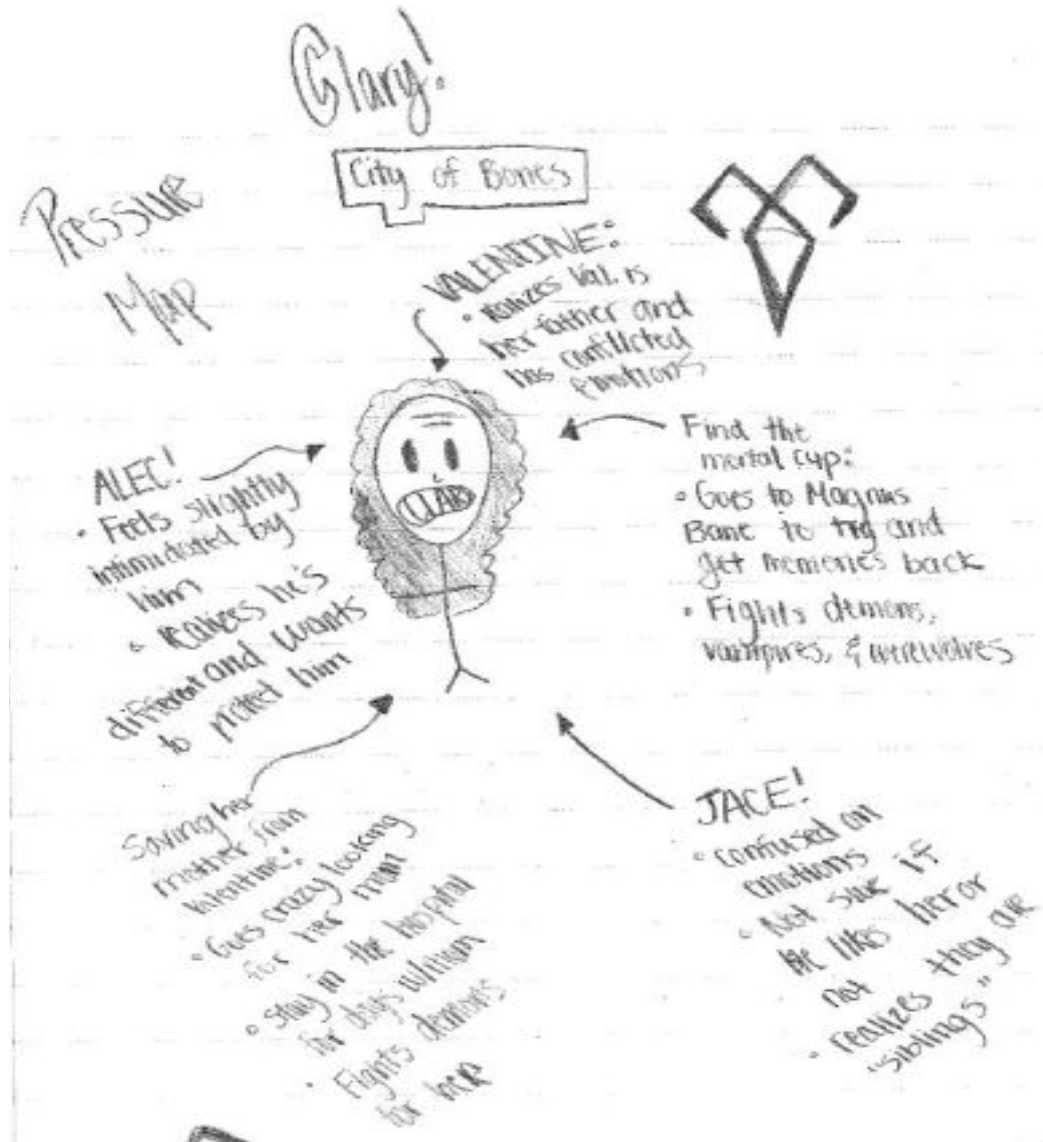
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Recursive Revision: Incorporating Evidence to Elaborate

- What am I saying about _____ ?
(This is the **point** you are making.)
- What details will I use from the story to support my thinking?
(These are the **details** that you will elaborate on.)

Recursive Revision: Big Ideas/Specific Details

PEOPLE DON'T NEED TO OVERCOME THEIR DIFFERENCES, THEY NEED TO EMBRACE THEM.

In the book *A Mango Shaped Space*, Mia feels different from everyone else, and she feels that compared to others she is a freak. She says on page 96 when everyone knows about her synesthesia, "Maybe I'm overreacting. Maybe it won't be that bad after all. Then why do I keep hearing freeeeek, freeeeek, freeeeeeeek over and over in my head?" So, when Mia first learns that her colors are a result of synesthesia, her main goal is to "cure" it so that she can be

Deeper Literary Analysis

- Theme
- Craft Moves
- Purpose & Goals
- Symbolism
- Text Structures

Companion Guide:

A polished collection of several short pieces that showcase insights and original thinking about the book

Companion Guide: *A Mango-Shaped Space*

Introduction

Chapter 1: Synesthesia in the Real World

Chapter 2: Mia's Soul Theory & Mango

Chapter 3: The Other Synesthetes- A Whole New World

Chapter 4: What is Mia Really Afraid of?

Conclusion

Companion Guide: *Divergent*

Introduction

Chapter 1: The Divergence Struggle

Chapter 2: Initiation Process: Fair?

Chapter 3: Tris and Her Mother

Chapter 4: Caleb's Side (Fan Fiction)

Conclusion

What Now?

Research-based argument (essays and debate)

Making claims and backing them up with supporting evidence, using informational texts.

Competitive sports are not good for kids because injuries can cause permanent damage.

- NFL players have experienced Alzheimer's-like symptoms in their 40s.
- Traumatic brain injuries can affect vision, balance, and memory.
- Teenagers have died after playing too soon after a concussion.

What's next?

April-May: Memoir (book clubs and writers' workshop)

May-June: Historical Fiction book clubs

Science

Just completed Geology Unit

- Modeling the Rock Cycle
- Stream Tables
- Travel Brochures

Beginning Cells and Microscope Unit Today

Parts and Functions of Microscope

- Cells - Smallest unit of life.
- What is inside a cell?
- How do your cells function?

Human Body Systems

- Cardiovascular System
- Digestive System
- Respiratory System

Activities/Projects: Mr.Bones, Prosthetic Arm, Feel the Beat.



Mathematics

Previously: Equations, Inequalities, Proportions

Currently: Angle Properties, Polygons, Circles

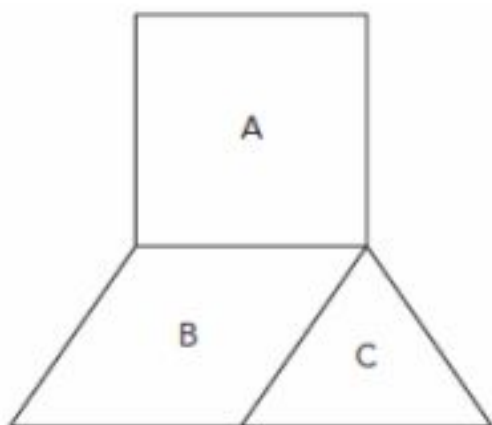
Next:

Surface Area & Volume of Rectangular Prisms

Surface Area & Volume of Cylinders

Statistics - Graphing, MMR, Probability

Joe drew a figure consisting of square A, rhombus B, and equilateral triangle C, as shown. If the length of square A is $(4x+5)$ centimeters and the perimeter of the complex figure is 203 centimeters. Write and solve an algebraic equation to determine the value of x . **[9 points]**



19. Martha has 25 coins in her purse. Some of these coins are nickels and the rest are quarters. The total value of the coins in her purse is \$3.65. How many of each coin does she have in her purse? Write and solve an algebraic equation. **[12 points]**

Define the variable: _____

Honors Algebra - Mrs. Sicbaldi

Just completed: a unit involving Piecewise Functions
...big test last week!!!

New unit of study: absolute value functions functions

- Students will be working on a project during SBAC week

General Info:

- HW assignments are on Schoology
- grades are on E-school
- extra help is offered every morning in the World Language Office

****Students need to bring calculators to class every day**

THANK YOU!