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February 1, 2017 to February 28, 2017

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## Mrs. Tibbals 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

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**Social Studies:** I can learn about the culture, terrain, geography, government, and economy of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

**Science:** I can use the engineering process to plan and build different devices based on the problems presented while working as a team.

**Reading:** I can trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text; then analyze how the reasoning and evidence supports or does not support the claim.

I can analyze the meaning of figurative, connotative, and technical meanings of words and phrases in a text.

**Writing:** I can write functional text that is appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**Math:** I can recognize real-world problems when two ordered pairs differ only by sign, then the locations are related to reflections over one or both axes.

I can solve real world multistep geometric problems including decimal and fractional measurements.

I can solve real world problems by finding surface area for three dimensional figures using nets with fractional edges.

I can find the missing side length of a right rectangular prism given a volume and fractional side lengths.



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### Mars Rover

I am excited to announce the start of Mars Rover! Students have been placed in teams for several activities already. Completed activities include: the Spaghetti Challenge, Parts of a Whole- difficult problem solving puzzles, and Copycat. Ask your child/children about them! They are hands-on and challenging.

Group activities can be frustrating at times, as well as rewarding. All students are required to treat others with respect at all times and to fully participate in all activities. I look forward to working with these group as they brainstorm and problem solve. I have already conferenced with teams to overcome disagreements. If your child comes home with concerns or frustrations, please refer them back to me so I can facilitate the conversation within the group.

This week we begin working with pneumatics, gears, levers, & pulleys. Next week LEGOS!



## Important News

If you ever need to contact me or would like to visit about any concerns or classroom happenings I will always make time to visit with you. You can call (208)835-4261 or email at [ctibbals@troysd287.org](mailto:ctibbals@troysd287.org).

**FIELD TRIP:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are climbing on the bus **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** and heading to Pullman, WA to participate in this year's Festival Dance sponsored event: the Cleo Parker Dance Ensemble. Before heading back to TES students will make a quick stop at The UI Archaeology Lab to look at artifacts found in local digs and have an opportunity to analyze some artifacts, making inferences about their origins and where they were found. **ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BRING A LUNCH.** Sack lunches can be ordered through the TES Café for regular lunch prices.

If you would like to join us for the day, please let me know by phone or email.

**Silverwood Reading logs:** Students brought home reading logs that can earn them FREE TICKETS to Silverwood this summer! Return those forms when students have completed 10 hours of reading time. This can be family reading, independent reading, and the same reading done for class homework assignments!

**Valentine's Day Info:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade will **NOT** have a class party or exchange valentines this year. We are planning a project that will bring smiles to the Troy community in the form of love rocks, inspired by Anna and Abby ([www.love-rocks.org](http://www.love-rocks.org)).

-If you have oodles of river rock at home and would like to donate them to the class, send them along! We'll put them to good use.



## Important dates for February 2018

**Wednesday, Jan. 31:** Spelling packets go home.

**Thursday, Feb 8:** Spelling packets due and spelling test.

**Friday, Feb. 9:** Field Trip to Festival Dance and UI

**\*Lunch needed\***

**Wednesday, Feb. 14:** Late Start at 10:15 am

**Tuesday, Feb. 13:** Jazz in School- THS gym

**Tuesday Feb. 13:** Spelling packets go home.

**Monday, Feb. 20:** No school- President's Day.

**Thursday, Feb. 22:** Spelling packets due.

**Friday, Feb. 23:** spelling test