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April 1, 2023 through April 30th, 2024

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

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**Hello Families,**

**April, here we come! Most standards have been completed and students continue to practice and review ELA and Math skills though testing time.**

**The students and I have spoken at length about the ISAT tests. The scores they earn do not reflect who they are or what they will become. These are a snap shot of information that is used as one piece of data to show growth throughout their education. Yes, I want every student to try hard and apply all the skills they have mastered over the course of the year, but I do not wish them to carry any extra anxiety while taking the exam.**

**Sixth grade students have been split into two groups and will test on the days listed below. Every student will have unlimited time to finish. Please help your child prepare by getting a good night's sleep and having breakfast each morning.**

**If you have any questions, please let me know!**

**-Crystal Tibbals**

**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: ELA**

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>: ELA Performance**

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>: Math**

**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: Math Performance**

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## Important News

### Shark Tank Challenge!

Students have begun work on a “Shark Tank Challenge.” Each student has been tasked to imagine and fully design a new invention! This project is very involved and requires a model (drawn or created), a product specification sheet, FAQs, a typed background narrative, a two- minute script, and a full presentation to a board of judges! All work will be done during the class day with no outside group work required.

Several students have chosen to work as a team, and others are working independently. Final projects are due on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Presentations will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Country Reports

Sixth grade students will begin working on an eight-paragraph country report for Central or South America. This will be done during class time and is due on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Students will be presenting to their peers the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**April Read Aloud Book:** Peter and the Star Catchers by Dave Barry

### Important dates for April 2024:

**April 15<sup>th</sup>-May 17<sup>th</sup>:**  
ISAT testing

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
Late start at 10:15 a.m.

**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:**  
Shark Tank presentations

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:** book projects due!