

Greetings Parents,

What an exciting week we had! This week, our scholars analyzed the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution at their National Archives field trip as well as experienced a day in the life as a middle schooler with their buddy at DCI. Our students additionally analyzed text structure and main idea in non-fiction texts, drafted thesis statements and outlines for their argumentative essays, learned new strategies for adding and subtracting fractions, as well as learned about the role of violence in important historical events.

We are looking forward to a full week of school next week! Have a great weekend and stay warm.

Sincerely,

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### Important Events and Reminder

- 12/7 PTA Fun Run 8:00AM Rock Creek Tennis
- Center Picnic Grove #24
- 12/13 English Spelling Quiz
- 12/14 PTA Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 9AM
- 12/20 Winter Concert
- 12/23-1/3 Winter Break
- **Reminder: Please do not drive up Oakview Terrace for drop off and please be mindful of DC traffic laws on Oakview Terrace and within the community. Do NOT block driveways on Oakview Terrace**
- **As winter nears, we must all be prepared for inclement weather protocol. In the case that your emergency contact information has changed (phone number or email address), please email [ianat@ewstokes.org](mailto:ianat@ewstokes.org). Announcements for closures will be available on Stokes School's website, Facebook, and Twitter. We will also announce via emergency messaging service, SendWordNow.**
- **Reminder: Please label your scholar's belongings with their name, especially outerwear and water bottles.**

### UNITS OF INQUIRY

- Students will continue to learn about the build up of the civil war: by the end of next week, we will have covered: The Compromise of 1820, Nat Turner's Rebellion, The Underground Railroad and Fugitive Slave Act, The Kansas-Nebraska Act, and the election of Abraham Lincoln, as we discuss both violent and non-violent means to resist

### ELA

- Students will analyze complex non-fiction texts and identify the main idea.

### Writing Workshop

- Students will draft, revise, and collect additional information for their research-based argumentative essays.

### Math

- Students will learn strategies for fraction subtraction.

### Spanish

- Students will practice strategies to recognize themes and characters while they read about Latin American conflicts.