

GT Newsletter
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Arkansas Green Schools Challenge

This week, GT students will begin actively participating in the Arkansas Green Schools Challenge. Last week, Mr. Mike, weighed our trash during lunch after each grade to establish a baseline. On Monday, GT students started collecting aluminum cans during their lunch period. 2 students per grade are on duty each week to collect the cans. Soon, we hope to include plastic bottles and milk cartons.

In class, students are creating signs, posters, and banners to display around the school to encourage everyone to participate.

Science Fair

After Christmas break, we will begin getting ready for Science Fair. Students at MIS have experienced Science Fair 1-3 times. We will revisit the process through a few experiments, then we will jump right into our own projects. Now is the time to start thinking about an experiment. A few things to consider:

1. Does the project have variables? What is the one thing that will be changed each time the experiment is conducted and how will I measure the results?
2. Is the idea for the project a real world issue? Remember, no product testing.
3. Will the student be able to successfully complete the project with minimal assistance from an adult?

Each student will need a project board and flash drive. Many have their flash drives from last year. Several have asked to use them for other classes so I'm not sure who has one and who hasn't. We'll work on figuring that out asap. Many students brought them at the beginning of the year. Ask your child if his/her flash drive is at school. **If you can't afford a project or flash drive, just let me know and one will be provided.**

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