



October 17, 2016

- Conferences are coming up next week. The middle school will be conducting student-led conferences, so your child should come with you to present their portfolios.
- Please make sure your child(ren) have earbuds or headphones to stay at school for their iPads.
- **Please be sure to check Powerschool or Edmodo for your homework posts.**

CALENDAR REMINDERS

10/19- Early Release day
 10/24 & 10/25- No school-
 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 10/24-28 Scholastic Book Fair
 11/1- All Saints Day Mass, 9am

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Great job at the jog-a-thon! A soggy but good time had by all.... Thank you to Mrs. Super, Mr. Cate, Mrs. Maudling, Mrs. Au and Rosemary Franz for helping us with squid dissection on Wednesday. See pictures on the CTK facebook page.

Course Updates:

Language Arts - We began reading, *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry. We will focus on characters and plot in a story. In English, we will continue to look at run on sentences, fragments and organization in our writing. Spelling only this week.

Social Studies –

The 6th graders are gathering data on the similarities and differences between the democrats and republicans on key issues. Africa physical feature map quiz on Thursday Oct. 20.

Science- This week, we will wrap up our Living Wise program with the post test and the surveys completed by this Friday. We will also begin our

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Please have your students check Powerschool and make sure they are turning in their missing assignments.

Course Updates:

Language Arts- In Literature class we have begun reading, "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes. In English, we will continue to look at run ons, fragments, and the use of complex sentences in their writing. In English we looked at organization and how to create an introduction based on hooks and a topic sentence.

Social Studies –

The 7th graders are comparing and contrasting key issues in the presidential elections.

Science – We will begin a new unit of study on the processes of cells, particularly photosynthesis. Why do all living things on the surface of the earth and much of our waters depend on photosynthesis? What is respiration? How are they alike and different? Could one exist without the other?

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

I look forward to meeting you all next week for conferences. Please bring your child with you!

Course Updates

LA: ~~We are~~ *Wrapping up* and "To Build a Fire", both by Jack London. 8B will have a socratic seminar(debate) this week on the stories. They have a powerpoint presentation on their Yukon research they have been working on in library class **due on October 31st**. In English, we will be focusing on organization in their writing.

Social Studies - The 8th graders are comparing and contrasting key issues in the presidential elections. Students are beginning to look at what the role of a governor is..

Science -. We will begin a new unit of study focused on the characteristics of the 3 states of matter- solid, liquid and gas.

Math 8 Accelerated: Tomorrow, the students will be completing a small group assessment. Then, students are

unit study of living things and how they are classified by scientists.

Math - On Monday, students will work on correcting their fraction multiplication quizzes. The re-assessment for that quiz will be on Friday, during their study hall period. We are continuing to study division of fractions. Students will continue modeling to make sense of the operations and looking for patterns to figure out the algorithm. Please do not share the algorithm with your students yet. We will learn it, but it is first important that they learn what is actually happening when we divide fractions.

Religion/Health- In our study of the Old Testament, we will be looking at the life of Moses, who wrote the first 5 books of the bible. We will be watching the Dreamworks film "The Prince of Egypt" in class and reflecting for homework. We will complete our 2 week unit on hygiene and why it is important to our health.

Español:
We only had fewer classes because of the jogathon and teacher training. We used the textbook to discuss how use our calendars in Spanish.

Math Velazquez - This week, we are working on a partner activity to solidify students' understanding of converting repeating decimals to fractions. Then, we will start reviewing for our Rational Number unit test, which will take place next Wednesday/Thursday - I will post the finalized date and I Can Statements on Edmodo.

Math Drenner - This week will be spent operating with integers. Plan on a test over Chapter 1 in our text Friday of this week.

Religion - This week, we are focusing on Mark's Gospel and the themes he presents there. We will be focusing on how he shows Jesus as the messiah and Son of God and then will spend some time with parables to learn about the Kingdom.

Health-Students are reading about stress and where it comes from and how to identify it is. The boys will begin a 7th grade leadership group for one month with Mrs. Borne. The girls will begin a mindfulness through yoga class.

Español: We did a class survey using the simple future ("voy a ____"). We only had fewer classes because of the jogathon and teacher training. We used the textbook to discuss how use our calendars in Spanish

going to investigate parallel and perpendicular lines and the relationship between their slope. Finally, we will end the week by applying our knowledge of linear equations to a STEM activity involving Barbies bungee jumping.

Math 8:
Students have a quiz on slope-intercept form, horizontal, and vertical lines tomorrow! We reviewed for the quiz in class today. For the rest of the week, we will spend time learning new forms of linear equations that are helpful for solving different types of word problems.

Religion

Health - We began talking last week about environmental health and how it relates to us. This week we will continue discussing ways we can help out our environment to meet our needs for today and in the future. They will have a journal to complete all week on how they contribute(d) to their environmental health.

Español: Last week we had viewer classes because of the jogathon and teacher training but we practiced and reviewed complex numbers. We will review again and have a quiz.