



October 10, 2016

Jogathon Thursday! Students are dismissed at 12 and no school Friday. 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

10/13- Jog-a-thon Day
Noon dismissal
10/14- No School- Archdiocesan
In service day
10/24 & 10/25- No school-
Parent/Teacher Conferences

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Rest up and get ready for our jog-a-thon Thursday- we will be the class in pink!

Course Updates:

Language Arts - Today we will begin reading, *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry . We will focus on characters and plot in a story. **NO SPELLING THIS WEEK!**
In English, we will continue to look at run on sentences, fragments and what complex sentences are. The students will also begin using the app, noredink.com to assess their grammar. The next trait, organization, will be addressed in their writing.

Social Studies –

The 6th graders are tackling what they think the role of government should be in preparation for learning about the U.S. elections process.

Special Note: Thursday 10/13 6th graders will go to ELA for periods 1 & 2.

Science- We will be dissecting squid on Wednesday at 10:00 if anyone is available and would

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Students should have brought home letters about how to log-in to Powerschool. Please log-in and check your student's progress in their classes.

Course Updates:

Language Arts- In Literature class we have begun reading, "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes. We will continue to focus on characterization and theme. **NO SPELLING OR VOCAB THIS WEEK!**

In English, we will begin looking at run ons, fragments, and the use of complex sentences in their writing. The trait of organization will be incorporated with the last trait of ideas focusing on hooks, transitions, a clear intro and a complete conclusion.

Social Studies –

The 7th graders are tackling what they think the role of government should be in preparation for learning about the U.S. elections process.

Science – Our test over Chapter

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

8th grade sweatshirts will be passed out by this Thursday.

Course Updates

LA: We will be reading "To Build a Fire" by Jack London focusing on author's purpose while comparing the two stories (). In their library classes, they are researching in small groups the Yukon Territory and other information relating to the novel. This presentation is due a week from Friday. **NO SPELLING THIS WEEK!**

In English, we will be looking at run on sentences and how to use subordinate conjunctions to correct run ons. The students will also begin using the app, noredink.com to assess their grammar.

Social Studies – The 8th graders are tackling what they think the role of government should be in preparation for learning about the U.S. elections process.

Science - We will have a test over Chapter 1- Introduction to matter on Wednesday this week.

like to help out. Our original date was Thursday, but our jog-a-thon time would have cut it short.

We will continue to learn about our natural resources and how we can conserve them using the Living Wise program. Students are encouraged to share the eco-friendly items with their families and report back at school.

Math - This week, we are moving into 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- We will be introduced to our new religion books this week and begin reading about the Old Testament.

We will continue our 2 week unit on hygiene and why it is important to our health.

Español:

We only had one class last week because students were traveling to Outdoor School. This week they will write a bit about what they would do if they went back next year.

1 will take place Wednesday this week- wrapping up our introduction to cells and their functions.

Math Velazquez - We are continuing our study of rational numbers as we investigate converting between fractions and decimals, specifically turning repeating decimals into fractions.

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

Religion - This week, we are beginning our study of the Gospels. We will learn about the synoptic Gospels and why all the Gospels are slightly different. We will also learn how to pray the Gospels with contemplative/imaginative prayer.

Health-Students are reading about stress and where it comes from.

Español: We practiced the simple future and we prepared for a survey students will do with each other asking what they will do this week.

We will be studying the states of matter and their properties next.

Math 8 Accelerated:

We are continuing our study of linear equations. This week students will learn about graphing and writing equations in point-slope form and they will apply this skill to solve contextual problems. There will be a group assessment next Monday.

Math 8:

We are continuing our study of linear equations as we explore horizontal and vertical lines - what do they mean, how do we graph them, what is their slope, how do we write equations - and standard form as a means to solve certain contextual problems. There will be a quiz on slope-intercept form and horizontal/vertical lines next Monday.

Religion (Farrow)- We will continue talking about the Early Church and preparing for our Mass on 10/7. This will be Mrs. Farrow's last week at CTK before she goes on maternity leave. Mr. George will be covering for her in her absence.

Health - We will continue our powerpoint presentations from last week on violence. We will begin to look at environmental health afterwards.

Español: Last week we read about the end truce in the Colombian war that was just announced. We also did more practice discussing the future.