



October 31, 2016

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 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.**
- **Late or missing homework needs to be handed in the Monday after Thanksgiving weekend for credit.**

11/1- All Saints Day Mass, 9am
 11/5-6- Turn your clocks back
 11/11- Veteran's Day- No School
 12/2- End of Fall trimester

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Thank you to Loan Nguyen for bringing us calamari- it was a great treat. Thank you, also, to all of our room parents for throwing us a fun Halloween party today.

Course Updates:

Language Arts - We are continuing our novel, Gathering Blue. While it is mostly read in class, they will sometimes have reading assignments/responses to complete at home. In English, we are focusing on singular and possessive nouns.

Social Studies –

The 6th graders are finishing up their elections posters. Students will begin to compare and contrast the government styles of Mesopotamia and the U.S.

Elections quiz Monday Nov. 7

Science- How do scientists classify living things? By their characteristics, of course. We will be learning about how the 4 kingdoms were established and why.

Math - We are wrapping up our study of fraction operations

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Today, we are celebrating Halloween with our Kinder buddies.

Course Updates:

Language Arts- In Literature, we will watch the movie, C based on the short story, "Flowers for Algernon." They will take notes and prepare themselves for a compare and contrast essay, comparing the two works. In English, they will be working on singular and possessive nouns. They have spelling only this week!

Social Studies –

The 7th graders are finishing up their elections info graphics. Students will begin to dive into the various Ancient Chinese dynasties.
Elections quiz Monday Nov. 7.

Science – We will begin learning about the cell cycle of life and how they reproduce using the process of mitosis. Which cells reproduce and which don't? How long does it take? How can we tell which stage in the process a cell is at?

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

It was great meeting you all this past week! This morning, we got to read Halloween books to our buddies! It was spooktacular! Make sure you are looking online at any private school(s) you are wanting your child to apply for. They have all the online forms you need to print off and complete. Let me know if you need any help!

Course Updates

LA: The students will be presenting their Yukon Territory powerpoints and research paragraphs this week. Afterwards, we will begin annotating 3 articles and getting ready for a Socratic Seminar on Teens and Technology. In English, we will look at singular and possessive nouns.

Social Studies - The 8th graders are creating videos for the school elections assembly on Nov. 7.
Elections quiz Monday Nov. 7.

Science -. We will continue to look at the behavior of gases and how pressure, volume and temperature are related.
 Test Friday over Chapter 2.

with some group problem solving activities. There will be a mini quiz on Wednesday or Thursday (I will update Edmodo to reflect this) on applying fraction division to solve word problems. Next, we will spend a short time working with all decimal operations to ensure we are fluent.

Religion/Health- We will be preparing for our prayer service, which will be Monday, Nov. 7th. We will also begin our Faithbook project, where students will create a page that examines their relationship with God and Jesus. If they could communicate via social media, what would that be like? Health will be an examination of how much sugar it is suggested that we consume, and how much we actually do....

Español:
I enjoyed meeting with parents and students. Last week was a short week. We finished our quiz on numbers and reading a calendar. We started getting ready for Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

Math Velazquez – Students are completing their Real Number System test this afternoon. Starting on Tuesday, we will move onto our next unit: algebraic reasoning. This week, we will work on simplifying algebraic expressions by combining like terms using algebraic properties.

Math Drenner – We are focusing on the rational numbers this week, and how fractions, decimals and percents are languages we translate between.

Religion – We will continue working with Mark's Gospel by investigating more Kingdom passages and studying Jesus' relationships with his disciples and how he reacts to their mistakes and misunderstandings. The students will be working in small groups to create a modern day representation of a Kingdom parable.

Health– The boys will continue a 7th grade leadership group for one month with Mrs. Borne. The girls will continue the mindfulness through yoga class.

Español:
I enjoyed meeting with parents and students on Monday and Tuesday. As a result of conferences our school week was short. We started getting ready for Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) which is November 1st and 2nd.

Math 8 Accelerated:
The students took a unit test today on Linear Equations. We will wrap up our Barbie Bungee Jump activity this week, then will begin studying inequalities.

Math 8:
This week, we are concluding our study of the different forms of linear equations. Students will be working on some activities to summarize their learning and then will apply their understanding in a group project/quiz at the end of the week (I will post updates about this on Edmodo).

Religion

Health- Middle School is hard, right? This week and next, we will discuss what is hard about it, and how we can help each other out. We will create kind words for EACH student (while they're not looking) and the goal is to make each student feel appreciated and loved. After all, it's their last year together :)

Español: I enjoyed meeting with parents and students on Monday and Tuesday. As a result of conferences our school week was short. We took a quiz over days of the week, reading calendars, numbers and even some math. We started getting ready for Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) which is November 1st and 2nd.