



November 7th, 2016

- 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 November 23rd, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving weekend for credit.**

CALENDAR REMINDERS

11/11- Veteran's Day- No School
11/23- Noon dismissal- Thanksgiving break
12/2- End of Fall trimester

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Thank you to our room parents for a fun Halloween party last Monday! 17 school days left in the trimester.

The annual canned food drive is upon us! Let's make it a team effort- go 6th grade! We won last year- let's go for it again!

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. **Nouns test hopefully Thursday!** Please check PowerSchool for missing work!

Social Studies -

The 6th graders are learning about the geographic features that are challenges in the Ancient World.

Science- We will discover the origins of life this week, and how some organisms survive in extreme conditions. We will be practicing the technique of taxonomy this week as well. Plan on a test over Chapter 1 in our text next week.

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Thank you so much to all the parents who helped make our Halloween buddy party possible - it was a blast! Please check out the Coldstone Pie fundraiser on the FE to raise money for the canned food drive and don't forget to send cans to school with your students.

Course Updates:

Language Arts- After watching the movie, Charly, we will create an outline for a compare and contrast essay. This will prepare us for their first major essay. **Nouns test on Wednesday.** Please check PowerSchool for missing work.

Social Studies -

The 7th graders are exploring Ancient China to gather information to create a travel brochure.

Science - We continue to learn about mitosis this week, and about how mutant cells reproduce to become cancerous. **Test next week over Chapter 2.**

Math Velazquez - This week, we are focusing on simplifying

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Thank you to Mrs. Martin for organizing and arranging our Halloween party last Monday! We have only 4 more weeks of Safety left! If your child has not done Safety, please arrange a day(s) for them to complete their duty.

Course Updates

LA: Nouns test Tuesday! We created Cornell notes last week on an election non fiction article. This week they will create their own Cornell notes focusing on 3 levels of higher level questions after they note take. Spelling only this week!

Social Studies - The 8th graders presented their videos today! Nice work:) This week students will start to explore the reasons behind the American Revolution.

Science -. Test this week over Chapter 2, Solids, Liquids and Gases. We will begin our study of the periodic table of the elements this week and be given the directions for our atomic model project, which will be due Dec. 2.

Math 8 Accelerated:

Math - This week, we are working on building fluency with decimal operations and will investigate some methods for making our decimal math more efficient.

Religion/Health- Faithbook pages are due this Tuesday, and we will be displaying them in the science lab. We will continue our study of the Old Testament this week and taking a look at some more of the major prophets.

Español:

We talked about Day of the Dead and how it is celebrated in Guatemala and Mexico. We are starting to talk about Nicaraguan elections (November 6th with a day or two of ballot counting). It provides some history as well as a comparison with US elections.

algebraic expressions and writing different expressions for the same story context to see how that changes our understanding of the story context.

Math Drenner – We are focusing on the rational numbers again this week, and how fractions, decimals and percents are languages we translate between. We will continue adding and subtracting the rationals.

Religion – We will wrap up our work with Mark's Gospel this week and move onto focusing on Jesus and His identity as truly God and truly man.

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. This will be wrapping up this week.

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We are starting our next unit: linear inequalities with a quick review of solving inequalities and will then dive into investigating inequalities in two variables.

Math 8:

We are on our last lesson of the Linear Equations unit. We will spend most of the week reviewing and preparing for a Unit Test next Monday! I-can statements are already posted 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 :)

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