



December 12th, 2016

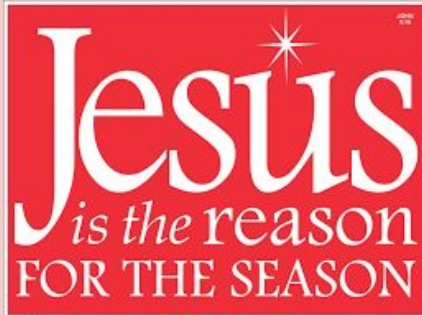
- Please make sure your child(ren) have earbuds or headphones to stay at school for their iPads.
- Students should make sure they have pencils and pens!

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 12/15- Christmas Program
1:30 & 7PM
- 12/16- Noon Dismissal- begin
Christmas Break
- 01/3 - School Resumes
- 01/31- Middle School Science Fair
8:30-10:15

6th Grade News

Classroom News



Christmas party scheduled for 11am on Friday.... Remember your \$5 gift for your Advent Angel. Hopefully we will not be snowed out....

Course Updates:

Language Arts - This week we will finish up reading the short story, "Eleven" and use evidence to answer questions on the reading. Wednesday they will have an assessment on determining a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; they will also provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments (Common Core RI.6.2).

Vocab test Tuesday on last 7 words from unit.

Social Studies - Thursday:

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

To build classroom community and share love this advent season, we set up "Advent Angels" today. Students will need to make or purchase a (\$5) gift and write a card for the classmate they drew. Check your email for more information on this topic.

Course Updates:

Language Arts- We will discuss the 3 types of irony while ~~reading~~ reading.

Vocab from Unit 4-Test on Wednesday.

Social Studies - Thursday: Dec. 15 Ancient China Travel Brochures are due! We are starting to do binder checks.

Science - We will be spending time preparing for the science fair and learning more about the process of meiosis. Quiz Wednesday over the vocabulary and stages of Meiosis.

Math Velazquez - Students took a quiz today on writing and solving multi-step equations. Continuing in our study of equations this week, we will learn how to solve more challenging equations including ones with variables on both sides

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News: Our Christmas party for their last year at CTK will be on Friday at 11 AM. If you signed up to bring things, I can take them either Thursday or Friday morning. Please do not forget that their Secret Santa gifts are to be brought in by Thursday. Due to the threat of snow again, maybe by Wednesday?

Course Updates

Language Arts: 8B: This week we will focus on word choice by creating a character from "Ransom of Red Chief". They will finish this after break.

8A: They have been working on a news report for "The Ransom of Red Chief." Their presentation is due Wednesday.

Vocab test moved to Wednesday for Unit 4. Spelling Bee will be held Tuesday during Health class.

Social Studies - This week the focus is what motivated the American Revolution. Students will participate in a Townhall Simulation with Loyalists, Patriots, and Neutral Colonists. The goal is to be able to create a "Recipe for a Revolution" project.

Dec. 15 "Build Your Own Civilization" is due! We are starting to do binder checks.

Science-

We will be learning about how crystals grow, learning more about viruses and bacteria, and finishing up our Living Wise program. All this and getting ready for the science fair, with our materials and procedures being due this Wednesday.

Math -

Students are taking a quiz tomorrow on efficient whole number and decimal operations. We will continue the week studying prime factorization, least common multiple, greatest common factor, and their applications.

Religion/Health-

Due to practicing for the Christmas program and no class on Thursday and Friday, we will be watching "The Nativity Story" this week during Religion/Health classes.

Español: We had another short week due to snow last week. We were able to practice more talking about expressing what we like or don't like and nouns for different people "brother" "neighbor(s)" etc. We will spend some time learning about the Virgen de Guadalupe this week.

and with rational expressions. We will also be analyzing the types of solutions an equation can have.

Math Drenner - We will spend time this week learning about absolute values and what role they play in operating with rational numbers, as well as when we find them in everyday life.

Religion -We are wrapping up our study on Jesus' two natures with a quiz on Wednesday and some Beatitudes activities on Tuesday. Next, in light of our advent season, we will focus on the Birth of Jesus.

Health-There is no health this week due to the Christmas Concert.

Español: This week we only had a couple days of class due to the snow cancellations. We talked about how to express what different people liked or didn't like. We will have a quiz this week. We will spend some time learning about the Virgen de Guadalupe this week.

Science-

We continue to learn about the different types of elements in the periodic table- mainly metalloids and non-metals. We will also be working on the background information and hypothesis statement sections of our science fair reports. The goal is to be ready to conduct our experiments by next Friday, the day we leave for Christmas break.

Math 8 Accelerated:

Continuing our study of systems of equations this week, we are learning algebraic methods for solving systems of equations (substitution and elimination) and will apply these skills to write systems of equations to solve word problems.

Math 8:

Continuing our study of solving equations this week, we are working on writing and solving equations to solve word problems. We will also look at equations with variables on both sides and will analyze the types of solutions an equation can have. Students will have a quiz on multi-step equations on Thursday.

Religion:

Health- Spelling Bee for 8th grade. PLEASE SEE EMAIL FOR LIFE SAVER RETREATS!

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