



September 19, 2016

STAR testing will occur this week and next. Please make sure your students well hydrated, fed and rested, as these factors affect testing ability.

We hope to see you at Back to School Night this Thursday- new parents at 6pm and everyone at 6:30. All middle school families will stay in the gym for the first session to meet the middle school team.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

9/19- 8th grade prayer service
 9/22- Back to School Night
 9/23-9/30- STAR Testing
 9/23- 7th grade hosts mass
 9/27- 9/30 6th Grade at Outdoor School

6th Grade News

Classroom News

1 week until we leave for outdoor school! If you have any questions, you can visit the website NWRESO.org and follow the prompts to outdoor school and Camp Westwind. There is also a parent information section to answer FAQs.

Course Updates:

Language Arts - Their first vocabulary and spelling words will be assigned Monday. Spelling test will be on Thursday while their vocab test will be on Friday. In English, they have been learning about different types of nouns and how to find subjects and predicates in sentences. I am hoping to have a test on Nouns on Wednesday. Please check their planner Tuesday to see.

Social Studies –

We are looking into the development of humankind. The big questions we are exploring are (1) What are the consequences of technology? And (2) What should governments do?

Science -

We will be presenting our

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

All of the 7th graders are set up on Edmodo now, so they should start checking it regularly for posted homework and other important class announcements.

Course Updates:

Language Arts– They will be bringing their vocab and spelling tests home on Tuesday. Please sign and return both! An additional vocabulary and spelling list will be assigned Monday. Vocabulary test on Unit 1 will be on Friday. Spelling test will be on Thursday. Be aware that each night this week they will have vocab/spelling homework. Students will be learning and creating multiple writing assignments based on the 6+1 Traits of Writing throughout the week. They will get to play with play doh to see how the writing process is such a vital part of their writing.

Social Studies –

This week the students are embarking into the early African civilizations. We are exploring the big question: What are the consequences of trade and

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

If you have not emailed me your child's sweatshirt size and how many you would like, please do so soon so we can get them ordered!

Course Updates

Language Arts – 8A,8B: They will be bringing their vocab and spelling tests home on Tuesday. Please sign it and return. Both classes will be reading Call of the Wild by Jack London. We will focus on characterization and theme throughout the next 3 weeks. In their library classes, they will research in small groups the Yukon Territory and other information relating to the novel. Vocabulary from the novel will be assigned as they read.

Social Studies – We are beginning to discover the physical geography of North America and how the native peoples adapted to the land. Our goal is to be able to answer: (1) How can we know what really happened? And (2) Whose story is this?

Science – We will be learning how scientists differentiate between matter when many of their physical and chemical properties seem the

eco-glossary reports this week in preparation for outdoor school learning.

Math – We are continuing our study of fraction operations by first modeling to understand how the operation works and then looking for patterns to figure out the algorithm. Students will have a quiz next Monday on multiplying fractions by whole numbers and fractions by fractions. “I Can Statements” will be posted on Edmodo to help guide their studying.

Religion- Great job on mass last week, 6th grade- many people complimented the way you presented yourselves. Our focus this week will be on ways that we are called to be stewards of the Earth and what we can do to take care of our planet.

Health- We will be focusing on the importance of sleep this week. How much sleep does a middle school student need? What happens if we do not get enough sleep? Sleep logs are due Wednesday.

Español: We only had one class last week but we did some review and had some good discussion about Latin-based languages.

technology?

Science – We will continue to discover the structures and functions of cells that make up all living things. Groups will be gathering edible materials to build a cell model...then snack next Monday.

Math Velazquez – We have our first quiz on Tuesday on adding and subtracting integers in context (“I Can Statements” are posted on Edmodo to guide your studying). This week, we will expand our study of addition and subtraction to rational numbers and will focus on efficiency in our work combining these numbers.

Math Drenner – We will begin our first unit of study in our textbook this week, Principles of Algebra. We will be investigating how to represent situations in everyday life using algebraic concepts and whole number operations.

Religion – Last week, we focused on the Bible and understanding that it is God’s word shared with us through human authors who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. This week, we will continue working with that theme as we prepare for the Mass we are hosting on Friday.

Health–We are beginning to look define what is health.

Español: We did some review about how we should greet each other and how there could be differences between countries.

same. We will be conducting a lab Thursday to determine the density of different substances.

Math 8 Accelerated: This week, we will be singing and walking on a life-sized coordinate plane as students learn how to graph in slope-intercept form and apply the skill to real-life situations. Students will have a quiz on proportional relationships and slope on Wednesday. “I Can Statements” will be posted on Edmodo to help guide their studying.

Math 8: We will begin our week with an online investigation to gain a deeper understanding of slope, then will sing a song to help us learn how to graph a line in slope-intercept form. Students will have a quiz on proportional relationships and slope next Monday. “I Can Statements” will be posted on Edmodo to help guide their studying.

Religion (Farrow)– This week in Religion we are beginning our unit on Church History, beginning with the Early Church.

Health - We have been discussing the Health Triangle and how each part(3) of the triangle affects their health. In the next coming weeks, the students will create a powerpoint on each (mental, physical, and social) and how it relates to their daily life. Due date to be determined!

Español: Last week we did some review about greetings and had some discussion about how different greetings might be used differently. We started talking about personal descriptions. Soon students will be making

their own cartoons with dialogues.