



January 30th, 2017

Aimsweb testing will be this week and next. Students tend to test better when they are rested, hydrated and have a snack.

- 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!
- Bundle! It is so cold.....

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 01-31- Middle School Science Fair
8:30-10:15
- 02-1 No Early Release
- 02-03 There is school
- 2-16 & 2-23, 8th grade to Reed College, 8:30-11:30, Drivers needed

Find your homework assignments:

Mrs. Ballou- Edmodo
Mrs. Velazquez- Edmodo
Ms. O'Dell- Edmodo
Mrs. Drenner- Powerschool/Edmodo

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Find assignments on Powerschool or Edmodo for Mrs. Drenner's classes..... Science Fair is Tuesday! Hope to see you there- doors open at 8:30...

Course Updates:

Language Arts -

English: They enjoyed creating an email on a fairy tale character focusing on word choice to their peers last week. We will continue looking at different verbs(irregular and the 4 principle parts).

Reading: Our class-wide debate through a Socratic Seminar will occur this week on Tuesday afternoon.

(CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.6.1).

Vocabulary Unit 2 homework will be coming home each night.

Test next Monday!

Please join us for our 1st annual Spelling Bee on Wednesday at 1:30 if you can!

Social Studies - The students are learning about the Egyptian Gods!

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Don't forget we have free dress this week if you dress up in the theme of the day! Tuesday is Sports Day, Wednesday is Class Color Day (ours is green), and Thursday is regular free dress. Friday is still TBA.

Course Updates:

Language Arts- Our class-wide debate through a Socratic Seminar focusing on the standard [CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.7.1](#) will occur Tuesday. The kids are looking forward to debating.

Vocabulary Unit 5 homework will be coming home each night this week. Test will be next

Monday! Please join us for our 1st annual Spelling Bee on Wednesday at 1:30 if you can!

Social Studies - We are starting to do binder checks. There will be a Chapter 18 quiz on Thursday. Study guides have gone home.

Science - We will be studying the field of modern genetics this week-things that we know now because of scientific research and technology

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News: The first annual Spelling Bee is Wednesday at 1:30. Please join us if you can! [Please see the above information to homework locations!](#)

Course Updates

Language Arts:

8A,B: We should be wrapping up this week. As always, they seem to be enjoying the book. The movie will come next week with popcorn! Be on the lookout for a parent permission slip. We are working on our reader's response and have dissected the poem, "Nothing Gold Can Stay" by Robert Frost. We will continue to study the different themes of the novel.

Social Studies - We are starting to do binder checks. Chapter 5 quiz on Thursday. Study guides have gone home. Students are starting to create their Recipes for a Revolution.

Science-

We are in need of a few driver/chaperone types for a short field trip- $\frac{1}{2}$ the class will

Science-

We will continue learning about protists and how amoeba, paramecium and euglena get around, what they eat, and what they have to do with us- more than we think!

Math -

We are continuing to work on growing students' number sense by ordering and comparing integers and rational numbers using the number line. Then, we will learn about absolute value and how it relates to real-life situations.

Religion/Health-

We will be learning about different Catholic Charities and where they do their work and what their missions are and when they began and who founded them and We will be learning about health and our environment this week, and learning about some really harmful cover ups that have happened over the years that affected citizens around the world.

Español: We had a quiz on Friday about writing sentences using personality characteristics and school materials. We practiced this information. The new unit we started is about time of day and school schedules. It builds on the numbers unit we did before.

(especially the microscope). How have these things shaped our lives? What are some of the ethical issues involved in genetic research and the applications that science has discovered?

Math Velazquez - This week, we are investigating the conditions needed to form a unique triangle. Students will be constructing triangles in small groups and attempting to make generalizations based on their constructions. We will also investigate the triangle inequality theorem, and if we have time, will move onto writing and solving equations using angle relationships.

Math Drenner - We will be looking at the relationship between tables, graphs and equations. How can you tell the equation of a graph? What are characteristics that we can look for?

Religion - This week, we will continue working on our Living out Jesus' Mission project and exploring Jesus' teaching, especially focusing on how he fulfills the law of the Old Testament.

Health-Students will continue researching for the health project on safety with social media.

Español: Students practiced writing dialogues using personality characteristics. They had to write a dialogue as a part of their quiz which also covered school materials. We are working on telling time and school schedules. Soon we will talk more about using the present tense.

go Feb. 16 and $\frac{1}{2}$ Feb. 23 to Reed College to visit the Nuclear Research Reactor and take a tour. We will leave school at 8:30 and return at 11:30. E-mail me or fill out the permission slip if you would like to get involved. Thanks! This week, we will begin learning about materials and their properties. What characteristics make a good planter pot? Which is light-weight enough but strong enough to build airplanes out of? When would you need the qualities of metal but not the conductivity? What is an alloy and so what?

Math 8 Accelerated: Students will be investigating the Laws of Exponents this week and will practice using them to simplify expressions.

Math 8:

We are starting our new unit: Systems of Equations. Today, students did an investigation on what it means to be a solution to a system of equations. We will begin by learning how to solve a system of equations by graphing and then will investigate algebraic methods.

Religion:

Health- They have created a Pic Collage or Notability assignment to display and present to peers on a specific STD they were given. Quiz on all 5 STD's next Tuesday based on their notes they take this week.

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