

Somewhere in the Middle November 27th, 2017



Congratulations to the winners of the Turkey Table Challenge! Lauren, Leslie & Kaden

All middle school students are required to keep a book for silent reading with them at all times. Please make sure that your student has a working set of earbuds to keep with their iPad that stay school.

December 1st, next Friday, is the end of Fall trimester- All missing work is due by then.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 11-29 Early release Wednesday
- 12-1 Noon dismissal, end of Fall Trimester
- 12-2 High School Placement Test
- 12-4 First day of Winter term
- 12-6 Early release Wednesday
- 12-13 Early release Wednesday
- 12-14 Christmas Program 1:30 & 7pm
- 12-15 Half day, Christmas vacation begins
- 1-3 School resumes

Find your homework assignments:

Mrs. Ballou- Google Classroom
Mrs. Velazquez- Google Classroom
Ms. O'Dell- Google Classroom
Mrs. Drenner Google Classroom
Mrs. Farrow- Google Classroom
Maestra Ivonne- Google Classroom

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Great job, 6th grade at bringing in so much canned food. You have really helped people who needed it. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. All late work is due by Friday, Dec. 1, the last day of Fall trimester.

Science- We will be working on our introductions to our science fair projects this week- students need to have at least 3 sources of information for their research. Question, background information and introduction is due this Friday, Dec. 1.

Religion- Our focus this week will be on the season of

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

*7th grade pizza party on Thursday - no lunch needed
*Cultural Immersion Lunch on Wednesday - may want to pack a small lunch (only for elective class participants)

Science- We will be working on our introductions to our science fair projects this week- students need to have at least 3 sources of information for their research. Question, background information and introduction is due this Friday, Dec. 1.

Health- We will be learning about the importance of hydration this week. When is Gatorade better for you than water? How much water do we need to drink everyday? What happens when we don't get enough water in our diet?

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving! 3 more weeks until Christmas break!

Math A: Students are deepening their understanding of similarity as we make connections between proportionality and similarity. We will apply what we have learned to understand slope and work on developing an equation for slope. Students will have a unit test next Friday. Students will be accessing their online textbook at: <https://im.openupresources.org/8/students/index.html> They will find a glossary, explanation of concepts, and homework here.

Advent, as we begin our joyful wait for the birth of Jesus. What are some of the

Health- We will not meet this week, since we have a half day on Friday.

Math: Students are refining their definitions of equivalent ratios and using them to solve problems. We will be working with double number lines this week to help us solve ratio problems. This week, students will need to revise their Tent Design Projects if stated on Powerschool - we will start working on this tomorrow. Students will be accessing their online textbook at:

<https://im.openupresources.org/6/students/index.html>.

They will find a glossary, explanation of concepts, and homework here.

Language Arts:

ALL MISSING WORK IS DUE BY DEC.1st

1. We will be reviewing verbs but mostly focusing on helping verbs and irregular verbs until Christmas vacation. Spelling Unit 4 this week.
2. **Spelling Bee for the class is coming up in 2 weeks. If your child wants to participate, make sure they study!**

Social Studies: Please check PowerSchool with your child to ensure that (s)he is up to date. The goal is to answer: **What should governments do?** and **What are the consequences of technology?**

Study Lab- We will be taking some DEAR time and focusing this week on researching for our science fair projects.

Math A: Students are working on finding connections between all representations of proportional relationships: tables, stories, graphs, and equations and using these concepts to solve problems. Students will be completing an independent, open-note task for a quiz grade on Wednesday and have a unit test next Friday 12/8. Students will have a quiz on Wednesday. Students will be accessing their online textbook at: <https://im.openupresources.org/7/students/index.html>. They will find a glossary, explanation of concepts, and homework here.

Math B: Students are refining their understanding of solving multi-step equations and will be gaining strategies this week and next to solve increasingly complex equations. They will have a quiz on writing and solving two-step equations on Thursday.

Language Arts: ALL MISSING WORK IS DUE BY DEC.1st

1. We will be reviewing verbs while using irregular verbs and helping verbs correctly in our writing and speech.
2. **Spelling Bee for the class is coming up in 2 weeks. If your child wants to participate, make sure they study!**

Religion: We will continue our unit on Parables this week, looking at parables of celebrations, responsibility, and warnings and opportunities. **All missing work is due by Friday.**

Social Studies: Please check PowerSchool with your child to ensure that (s)he is up to date. Our

Math B: Students will be working on solving systems of equations first by graphing and then algebraically. We will be framing this with word problems and will continually work on interpreting solutions and on understanding what it means to be a solution to a system of equations.

Language Arts:

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1. We will be reviewing parts of speech for their placement test coming up this weekend.
2. **Spelling Bee for the class is coming up in 2 weeks. If your child wants to participate, make sure they study!**

Science- We will be working on our introductions to our science fair projects this week- students need to have at least 3 sources of information for their research. Question, background information and introduction is due this Friday, Dec. 1.

Health- We will be learning about the importance of hydration this week. When is Gatorade better for you than water? How much water do we need to drink everyday? What happens when we don't get enough water in our diet?

Study Lab- We will be taking some DEAR time and focusing this week on researching for our science fair projects.

Our current unit of study is learning about the first empires. *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.* **Make sure you have earbuds or headphones that stay at school.**

Study Lab: Students will be monitoring their SMART goal progress. Science Fair projects will begin soon and Study Lab will be a place to create an organizer and time management tools for this endeavor.

Spanish:

- Reviewing "ser" and "estar" conjugation
- Vocabulary for calendar
- Intro to Christmas traditions

new unit of study is Ancient Asia. The goal is to answer: **What should governments do?** and **What are the consequences of technology?** We are still reading *A Long Walk to Water*. *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.* **Make sure you have earbuds or headphones that stay at school.**

Spanish:

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- Vocabulary for calendar
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Religion- We will finish up our Nicene Creed projects this week. It is due on Thursday. Students will choose their reflection question on Thursday for grading as well. **All missing work is due by Friday.**

Social Studies: Please check PowerSchool with your child to ensure (s)he is up to date. The students are learning about the taxation policies pre-Revolutionary War. Our goal is to be able to answer **Was the American Revolution justified?** This week the students will continue exploring reasons behind the American Revolution. The goal is to be able to identify the "ingredients" of a revolution. *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.*

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