



Merry Christmas
Jesus is the Reason
for the
Season!

Somewhere in the Middle December 11th, 2017

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 stays at school.

E-mail service hours to
servicehours@ctk.pvt.k12.or.us

Report cards will be
delayed slightly...see
e-mail for details...

CALENDAR REMINDERS

12/13 Early release Wednesday
12/14 Christmas Program 1:30 &
7pm
12/15 Half day, Christmas
vacation begins
1/2 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

Students are participating in a secret elf activity, where they are "elfing" a classmate with nice notes and jokes. If they wish to gift their person, they may not exceed \$5. They are not required to buy anything. We will be having a Christmas party on Friday, and no gifts are needed. See you at the Christmas program on Thursday!

Science- We will be working on our materials and procedures lists for our science fair projects. Students will receive a tri-fold board this week that they can take home and work on when they are ready.

Religion- Our focus this week will be on events leading up to the Nativity. We will be watching the film "The Nativity".

Health- We will not meet

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

We have been working on preparing for our Secret Santa and kinder surprise (sssshhhh...its a secret) in class. Our goal is to have gifts at school by Wednesday (that way we have a grace period if someone forgets).

Science- We will be working on our materials and procedures lists for our science fair projects. Students will receive a tri-fold board this week that they can take home and work on when they are ready.

Health- We will not meet this week because of the Christmas program.

Study Lab- We will be taking some DEAR time and focusing this week on completing our materials and procedures list for the science fair.

Math A: We are just entering our new unit this week: *Measuring Circles*. We will start out by understanding the definition of a circle and its key parts, then will look for the relationship between circumference and diameter

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

Please remember to check your email to see which kids have safety patrol! Advent Angels

Math A: We are starting a new unit this week: *Linear Relationships*. Students will be extending their understanding of proportional relationships as we represent them with tables, equations, and graphs and make connections with slope. 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.

Math B: Students will be investigating systems of inequalities this week. They will not only be solving by graphing by also tackling word problems that require a system of inequalities to

this week, due to our half-day schedule.

Math: We are using our understanding of equivalent ratios to compare rates and will be incorporating another tool, a table, to help us find more patterns. Students will be accessing their online textbook at:

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

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Language Arts:

1. We will be reviewing verbs but mostly focusing on helping verbs and irregular verbs until Christmas vacation. **BIG QUIZ ON VERBS ON THURSDAY.**
2. **Spelling Bee for the class is TUESDAY!!**
If your child wants to participate, make sure they study!

Social Studies: This trimester will have a larger focus on researching using databases and academic citations. Our current unit of study is learning about the first empires. Your child is researching a first empire and learning how to cite their research using MLA format. The goal is to answer: **What should governments do?** and **What are the consequences of technology?**

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and students will meet pi. 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 working on translating word problems into equations and will be investigating the different types of solutions they can get from solving equations.

Language Arts:

1. **Spelling Bee for the class is Tuesday. If your child wants to participate, make sure they study!**
2. **VERB TEST WEDNESDAY!!!**

Religion: We will finish our unit on Parables this week. We will be doing a Parable project that will be introduced Tuesday and due the following Thursday. After finishing our Parables unit, we will look at the significance of Adven.

Social Studies: This trimester will have a large focus on notetake and active reading! We are studying Imperial China. 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.*

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- Learning about Virgin of Guadalupe
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solve.

Language Arts:

1. **Spelling Bee for the class is coming up WEDNESDAY!!** **If your child wants to participate, make sure they study!**
2. We will be reviewing and discussing the 3 types of irony. 3 short stories will be read and dissected looking for the irony in each.

Science- We will be working on our materials and procedures lists for our science fair projects. Students will receive a tri-fold board this week that they can take home and work on when they are ready.

Health- How good is your hearing? What things can damage our hearing? We will be taking an informal hearing test.

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

Religion- We will begin a mini unit on Advent looking at the meaning of Advent, the Advent wreath, preparing for the second coming of Christ, and the names of Jesus.

Social Studies: This trimester we will be focusing on debates and beginning to practice Congressional

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.

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Hearing simulations. The students are learning about the taxation policies pre-Revolutionary War and how different colonists viewed the actions of the Crown. 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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