



February 6th, 2017

- Congratulations to Grace Lee of the 7th grade-Spelling Bee Champion!
- Please make sure your child is in uniform- if they are cold, they should be wearing a uniform sweatshirt.
- 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

2- 8 Wednesday early dismissal
2-16 & 2-23, 8th grade to Reed College, 8:30-11:30, Drivers needed
2-24 NET retreat 7th & 8th grade

Find your homework assignments:

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

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Our students did a great job displaying their work at the science fair- thank you to everyone who made it possible. Find assignments on Powerschool or Edmodo for Mrs. Drenner's classes.....

Course Updates:

Language Arts -

English: We continue to outline our 5 paragraph argumentative essay from our Socratic, "Co-Ed Sports Teams."

Reading: Test this Thursday on Unit 2 Vocab! will

be read beginning Tuesday. The students will read this book in reading groups each day and have nightly homework with it.

Social Studies - Chapter 4 Egypt quiz on Thursday. Study guides went home on Monday!

Science-

We will be learning about algal blooms and fungi this week. Alice Algae and Freddy Fungi took a lichen to each other. We will learn about this love

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Keep Checking Powerschool for missing assignments and encourage your students to be in communication with their teachers.

Course Updates:

Language Arts- Be on the lookout for a St. Mary's Academy field trip form. We will prepare for our argumentative essay from the Teens and Tech Socratic from last week.

Test will be this Wednesday for Unit 5 Vocab. For reading, they will ~~to~~ **begin groups**

Social Studies - We are starting the Middle Ages in Europe. **Chapter 18 test re-takes next week!**

Science - This week, our class will be studying genetic disorders and how our genes are responsible for them occurring. What are some things that are caused by mutations on our genes? How do scientists study/identify them? Students will be constructing a pint of blood this week (don't worry...). Vocabulary quiz over 4.1 and 4.2 on Friday.

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

Please see the above information to homework locations!

Course Updates

Language Arts: Be on the lookout for a St. Mary's Academy field trip form.

8AB: Be on the lookout for a parent permission slip for The Outsiders. Please sign and return by Wednesday. They will begin ~~Reading~~

by the same author, S.E. Hinton. They will then compare different texts from the same author.

Social Studies - It's time for the American Revolution events. Students are continuing to create their Recipes for a Revolution. **Chapter 5 test re-takes this week!**

Science-

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

story and others.....

Math -

This week, we will learn about absolute value and how it relates to real-life situations. We will spend some time reviewing what we have learned about integers for our quiz on Friday. If there is time, we will begin investigating how to perform addition and subtraction on Integers.

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: The new unit we started about time of day and school schedules also includes introducing conjugations of the present tense (regular -ar verbs). This should be challenging for them. We missed class on Friday due to snow, but we are adjusting our plans.

Math Velazquez - We will begin the week investigating the triangle inequality theorem, and then will move onto writing and solving equations using angle relationships and applying these skills to solve more complicated problems. There will be a quiz on what we have learned about triangles and angles on Friday.

Math Drenner - We will be reviewing graphing skills, and being able to generate equations, tables and graphs from one another. Test Thursday over Chapter 3.

Religion - We are continuing to learn about Jesus as we focus on him as a healer. We will be spending time in the Gospels finding how he heals people's mind, body, and spirit.

Health-Students will continue researching for the health project on safety with social media. Mrs. Borne came in on Monday to talk about social media.

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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 more Laws of Exponents this week and will practice using them to simplify expressions and solve real-life problems. There will be a quiz on Friday.

Math 8:
Students will learn two algebraic methods (substitution and elimination) for solving systems of equations. We will also apply these skills to solve real-life problems. We will have a quiz on these methods next week.

Religion: Mrs. Farrow is back! We will be doing the ACRE test (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) on Thursday. This is an Archdiocese wide test for all 8th grade students. Beginning Friday we will start learning about the Renaissance and the Protestant Reformation.

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. (Updated)

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