

March 6th, 2017

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 3- 8 Early Release 2:10
- 3-10 Half Day, Noon dismissal
- 3-16 6th to vocations rally @ St. Anthony's
- 3-17 Last day of Winter trimester
- 3-23 6th & 7th go to OMSI
- 3-24 Noon dismissal, begin Spring Break

Find your homework assignments:

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



- Please be sure to check Powerschool this week and sign the progress report form that came home last week.
- 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 still cold.....

6th Grade News

Classroom News

6th grade will be taking over safety patrol duty for the Spring term beginning Monday, March 13. I will post the schedule in the next few days on Edmodo.

Find assignments on Powerschool or Edmodo for Mrs. Drenner's classes.....

Course Updates:

Language Arts -

English: We will continue working on adjectives and adverbs (clauses as well) and incorporating them into the beginning of our sentences (Sentence Fluency Trait).

Chapter 3 vocab this week.

Social Studies - Get ready it's quiz time! Thursday a quiz over chapter 5 Judaism and the 5 Graphical Themes. Study guides are out.

Science-

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Middle School Game Night will be held at Mrs. Ballou's house on May 6th from 5-8P.M. Lots of games, prizes and food, so come hang out with your teachers! First 25 kids only! Please contact Melanie for payment (\$40)~!

Also, please bring in baby items for the 2nd grade Madonna's Baby Shower.

Course Updates:

Language Arts- Unit 6 vocab this week.

We will have begun Unit 5 on Capitalization and Punctuation. Test to be announced via email.

Social Studies - Students are continuing to present.

Science - This week will find us learning more about Charles Darwin and his theories relating to evolution. What do scientists regard as evidence to back up

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Course Updates

Language Arts:

8A, B: They will read non-fiction articles on teens and phones for a Socratic Seminar next week. An argumentative essay will be the final result of taking notes and pulling out evidence.

In English class, we continue to work on the rules for capitalization and punctuation (Unit 5)-- **Test this Tuesday!**

Social Studies - Students are continuing to create their Recipes for a Revolution; they

We begin this week learning about members of the plant kingdom (da-da-da-dah!). How do scientists classify plants? What is photosynthesis, and what makes a plant a plant instead of a protist or fungi or animal? Mark your calendar for our annual OMSI field trip- we need chaperone/drivers for March 23rd. Let Mrs. Drenner know if you are interested.

Math -

We are investigating multiplication and division of integers and students will continue working on their Integer Operations Group Project (this is instead of a final test), which is due on March 17th.

Religion/Health-

We turn our attention to the beginning of Lent this week with Ash Wednesday being observed this Wednesday, March 1st. What are the reasons behind Lent practices?

In health, we will be learning about the chemicals in cigarette smoke and how they are dangerous.

Español: We are going to start learning about some irregular verbs in the present tense "ir" (to go), "estar" (to be - temporary or location) and "ser" (to be - permanent). These add some complexity to what we have learned but they are key verbs that partly fit the pattern we have been learning. We will be using these skills to write dialogues that students will videotape.

Darwin's theories?

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Math Velazquez - Students will be investigating surface area and volume of prisms, pyramids, and composite figures.

Math Drenner -

We will be finding percents of change this week, along with applying percentages to almost everything we see... we will get specific and estimate when it is called for. We will also be learning to find interest in different ways. Quiz Friday over percents and interest.

Religion - We are wrapping up a small group activity on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We will also be working on class community building through our Restorative Practice Circles. Ask your children to tell you more about this :)

Health-Students will begin to present their health projects.

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need to work on the second part (steps). Students have started presenting their projects.

Science-

We will be completing Chapter 4 this week - learning about different types of materials and their properties, and taking a short quiz on Friday over the chapter. We will trade our texts in for Chemical Interactions.

Math 8 Accelerated: We are learning how to factor this week! We kicked off our study with an investigation of real-life applications of quadratic functions, which will be our focus for a while.

Math 8:

We are diving into a new unit on exponent properties and scientific notation. This week, we will investigate exponent laws and will practice applying them.

Religion: We will continue to learn about Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. Students will begin a project on Religious Communities that will be due before the end of the trimester. On Friday, 8th grade will attend a retreat by NET (National Evangelization Teams) titled "One Church."

Health- We will be looking at unhealthy relationships and peer pressure that can result from these relationships (drugs, alcohol, tobacco).

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