

March 20th, 2017



- 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!

CALENDAR REMINDERS

3-20 Spring has sprung!
3-23 6th & 7th go to OMSI
3-24 8th grade to Cathedral Mass
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

6th Grade News

Classroom News

First week of a new trimester!
See Edmodo for the safety patrol schedule-
Find assignments on Powerschool or Edmodo for Mrs. Drenner's classes.....

Course Updates:

Language Arts -

Students will learn how to write a narrative essay.

Narrative final draft due Friday.

No Spelling this week due to many absences.

Social Studies - The 6th Graders are exploring opinions based on current events and continuing to learn the geography of Ancient India. **No Social Studies homework over Spring Break!**

Science- Test on Friday over Chapter 4- Introduction to plants. We will be studying this week for it. Mark your calendar for our

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

7th grade is going to OMSI this Thursday. Have a wonderful spring break!

Course Updates:

Language Arts-

Students will review the rules for capitalization and punctuation with a **Unit test on Wednesday.**

No Spelling this week.

Social Studies -We are looking at the 100 Years War and its effects on Western Europe.

Science - We continue the first chapter in our new text, learning about the skeletal system and types of muscle tissue. Human skeleton quiz is on Friday this week, so if you won't be here, see me so you can take it earlier.

Mark your calendar for our annual **OMSI** field trip- we need chaperone/drivers for March 23rd. Let Mrs. Drenner know if you are interested. Thanks!

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

8th grade annual Mass to Cathedral on March 24th. **We need drivers! Please contact Mrs. Farrow if you can drive!!**

Course Updates

Language Arts:

English: Both classes will be writing a final argumentative essay on the essential question: Do Cell Phones Hinder Our Daily Communication? (Outline provided). **Final draft due Thursday!!**

No Spelling this week.

Social Studies -The students are analyzing the Bill of Rights and learning about the checks and balances within the U.S. Constitution.

Science-

We will center this week on comparing and contrasting ionic and covalent bonding. What attracts one element to

annual **OMSI** field trip- we need chaperone/drivers for March 23rd. Let Mrs. Drenner know if you are interested- and thank you! :)

Math -

We are starting a new unit this week: Algebraic Expressions and Equations. We are learning about the order of operations and are focusing on reasoning rather than using an acronym to help us.

Religion/Health-

We have been reflecting on personal goals- what are some long and short term goals that we have? What are some short term goals that we work towards that help us reach our long term goals? We have been watching the movie "Rudy" and discussing hurdles that must be jumped, or, small term goals and the challenges that arise, on our way to our long term goals. What is perseverance and how can we develop it within ourselves?

Español: We are discussing food vocabulary. We are also comparing patterns of some irregular verbs in the present tense "ir" (to go), "estar" (to be - temporary or location) and "ser" (to be - permanent) along with regular -AR, -ER, and -IR verbs. This is taking some time but we are making good progress.

Math Velazquez - Students are wrapping up their work on their final geometry project. Then, we will begin investigating exponent properties.

Math Drenner -

We continue to investigate angles this week by looking at characteristics of parallel and perpendicular lines, and what happens when they are cut by a transversal. We will finish the week investigating triangles and their properties.

Religion - continued from last week: We are going to focus on Luke's Gospel and his concern for the marginalized. This week, we will focus on poverty. 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 are reflecting on the big question: "How much control do we have over our bodies?" Body system posters are due Thursday March 23. No Health homework over break!

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another? What is meant by the rule of 8? Which elements say "you complete me" to one another?

Math 8 Accelerated: We have decided as a class to have a factoring quiz on Thursday instead of a unit test so we are not as rushed. We will be reviewing and summarizing all forms of factoring this week to prepare for the quiz.

Math 8:

We are continuing to apply exponent understanding by focusing on Scientific Notation and how to perform operations on numbers in Scientific Notation.

Religion: Our focus until Easter will be prayer. We will look at different kinds of prayer, finding what works for each of us when it comes to prayer, and really focus on prayer as a conversation with God rather than reciting prayers that we already know. 8th grade will be going to Mass at the Cathedral next Friday morning. Permission slips will be sent home this week.

Health-The class has been working together in groups on peer pressure topics (tobacco, hard drugs, alcohol, and prescription drugs). They will present this Tuesday to the class.

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