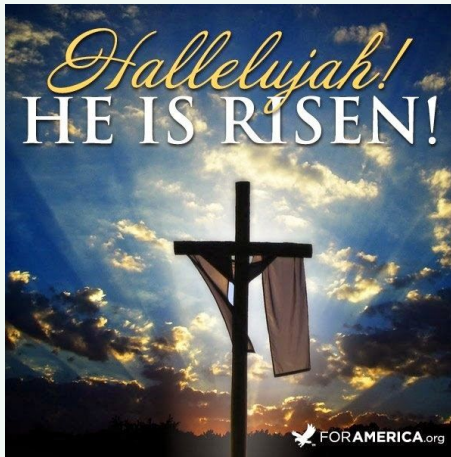


Somewhere in the Middle April 17th, 2017



- 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

- 4-20 8th grade pictures 8:30 am
- 4-20 7 & 8 to LaSalle to see "Into the Woods" at noon
- 4-30 Due date for service hours to count for service awards for 5-8
- 5-25 8th to Salem for SS
- 6-5 last day for 8th to hand in missing work
- 6-9 6th/7th all missing work due
- 6-12 Last day for 8th grade
- 6-21 Last day of school

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

Here's hoping you had a blessed and joyous Easter Sunday. It was beautiful. Find assignments on Powerschool or Edmodo for Mrs. Drenner's classes.....

Course Updates:

Language Arts -

They are finishing up *The Breadwinner*. Comic strip on Ch. 11-15 (rest of book) due Wednesday. Acrostic poem on Parvana due Thursday.

Speeches: Speech begins Monday. They will begin interviewing a classmate and learning how to give speeches to the class. Rubric and outline given Monday. Due date to be determined later! Look for emails for practicing at home!

Social Studies - This week

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

We are going to La Salle on Thursday to see the musical: Into the Woods. Please be sure to sign your child's permission slip if you have not done so already.

If you have any pictures of the 7th grade class that you can share for the yearbook, that would be greatly appreciated! Please go to community.lifetouch.com and enter our school's code: TUHAEZ to upload the pictures.

Course Updates:

Language Arts-

Students will continue reading *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. They will be presenting in pairs their own utopia Wednesday. Friday the students started finding symbolisms in the novel as well using a chart to document them. We will also be reading articles regarding utopias in America

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

April 20th is Graduation Portraits Day! Portrait order form went home Friday. Please turn in permission slips for play AND graduation name forms.

Course Updates

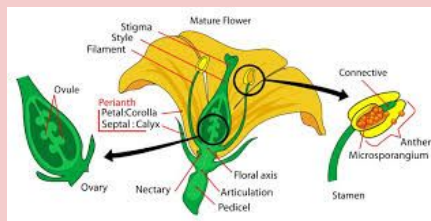
Language Arts:

8A,B: We will be finishing up *The Devil's Arithmetic* this week. We will define a euphemism (finding examples in book)and continue to look at ironies in the novel. Movie to come next week.

Social Studies - Students will continue to participate in the first Congressional Hearing simulation in class. Students will continue the research and preparation process. We are preparing for Capitol Day in May.

we are comparing and contrasting the Mauryan and Gupta Empires in India! **QUIZ on Hinduism and Buddhism Thursday-study guides went out on Monday**

Science- Last week, we learned about angiosperms and the parts of the flower and the part they play in reproducing plants. How is plant reproduction similar to animal reproduction? We will be finding out in the coming weeks...



Math -

We are working on evaluating algebraic expression for given values of the variable and will be writing & evaluating expressions to solve real-life problems. Students will have a test on Algebraic Expressions next Tuesday.

Religion/Health-

He is risen! We will be looking at the liturgical calendar again and discovering some of the miracles worked by Jesus after his return to his Earthly form. For health, we will be learning about how different drugs affect our bodies. What is the difference between a habit and an addiction? We will begin our unit on the reproductive system in May. Be looking for the informational

today. Movie to come soon!

Vocabulary from novel (Ch. 12-21): We will do a small class activity to portray meanings(no scores given).

Social Studies -This week the students will continue to explore the Renaissance and focus their attention on the north. 7th graders have chosen a Renaissance person to research.

Science - We will finish watching "Super Size Me" this week.



What responsibility do we as consumers have in what we eat? What responsibilities do vendors and restaurants have in serving healthy foods? We will learn more about the digestive system and how it functions to give our bodies the nutrients they need to carry out all of their functions.

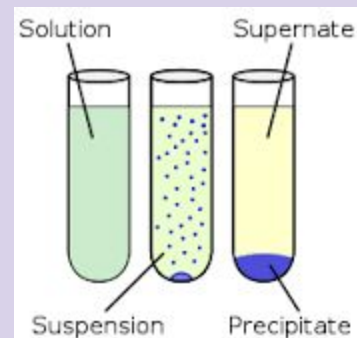
Math Velazquez - We are applying our understanding of exponent properties and place value to reason about numbers in scientific notation, convert between scientific notation and standard form, and to perform operations in scientific notation.

Math Drenner -

We have mastered the Pythagorean Theorem! We will be testing over Chapter 7 this week with a test on Friday. We look forward to learning all things exponents

Science-

We are heading to the world of chemical interactions- what reacts with what, what is evidence that a chemical reaction has occurred.



Math 8 Accelerated: We will be investigating two new methods (completing the square and the quadratic formula) to solve quadratic equations.

Math 8:

This week, we are focusing on square roots and cube roots. We will be reasoning about the number of possible answers there are, will be simplify expressions involving these operations, and will be solving basic equations using these operations.

Religion: This week is Holy Week. We will focus on the connections between Passover and the Passion of Christ. We will do a special Holy Thursday activity with our 1st grade buddies. Due to the power outage last Friday, our annual Called to Protect lesson on Human Dignity will be rescheduled to next Monday.

Health-This week we will be discussing

letter to come home this week.

Español: On Friday we lost a class due to the a school event, but we shorten some activities and stay on schedule. We will have a quiz on Friday about four irregular verbs and regular -ER verbs. We will also be working on making our own menus in Spanish.

next week.

Religion – We will be wrapping up our Holy Week art project and group project, will be maintaining our classroom community with another restorative circle, and Mrs. Farrow will be teaching a called to protect lesson.

Health–We are discussing the question “How much control do you have over your body?” Thursday the boys will be with Mr. George and the girls wills stay with Ms. O’Dell. Students will continue to talk about sexual reproduction.

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