

# Somewhere in the Middle

## April 24th, 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

- 4-28-9 8th graders to LifeSaver Retreat
- 4-30 Due date for service hours to count for service awards for 5-8
- 5-5 9 8 graders to LifeSaver Retreat
- 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

Happy Earth Day Saturday, April 22nd.

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

#### Course Updates:

#### Language Arts -

**Speeches:** Speech begins Monday. They will begin interviewing a classmate and learning how to give speeches to the class. Monday and Tuesday night they need to practice with you at home. Speeches given on Thursday. Short stories next week!

**Social Studies -** The goal this week is to get as much of the Gupta Empire Palm-Leaf Journal written in class! You

### 7TH GRADE NEWS

#### Classroom News

Our class is helping in the celebration of Mass on Friday. Please come join us if you can.

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](http://community.lifetouch.com) and enter our school's code: TUHAEZ to upload the pictures.

#### Course Updates:

#### Language Arts-

We began watching the movie, *The Giver* today in class. They have turned in many projects relating to the novel. Short stories this week and next.

**Social Studies -**Thursday there is

### 8TH GRADE NEWS

#### Classroom News:

**17 students will be going to the LifeSaver Retreat. See above dates and ask your child for their permission slip! I would like baby pics by May 5th! Please put them in an envelope with their name on back of picture.**

#### Course Updates

#### Language Arts:

**8A,B:** We are watching the movie, *The Devil's Arithmetic*. Short stories this rest of this week.

**Social Studies -** This week is going to be completely devoted to preparation for the Congressional Hearing Simulations. Students will continue the research and

should be seeing revisions as homework.

**Science-** Last week, we learned about the different responses plants have to stimuli.

Fascinating time-lapse photography. This week, we will be learning about all of the ways corn feeds the world- not bad for a monocot. Test over Chapter 5 in our text, and we will begin a new unit in our intro to physics book, Motion, Forces and Energy.



**Math -**

Students will be spending Monday and Tuesday working on review stations to prepare for the Algebraic Expressions unit test, which has been moved to this Wednesday. Then, we will dive into solving one-step equations.

**Religion/Health-**

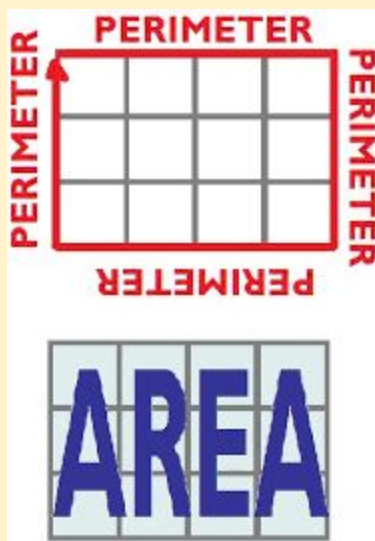
6th grade will be preparing the mass for next Friday, May 5th. We hope you can join us.... For health, we will be having Mr. George and Mrs. Borne visit. We will begin our unit on the reproductive system in May. Be looking for the informational letter to come home this week.

Renaissance Quiz. Study guides went home Monday! 7th graders have chosen a Renaissance person to research.

**Science -** Last week, we explored the world of nutrition and looked closely at "Fast Food". Some surprising things about how fat and sugar dense some of those menu items are.... This week, we focus on the digestive system and all of it's complexities....

Math Velazquez - We are applying our understanding of exponent properties and algebraic properties to perform operations on numbers in scientific notation. Students will have a quiz on Friday.

Math Drenner - We will be learning methods this week to calculate area and perimeter of polygons and circles....

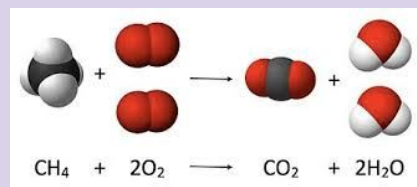


Religion - This week, we will be preparing for Mass, maintaining our classroom community with Restorative Circles, and reflecting on the Resurrection of Christ and what it means for our lives as Christians.

preparation process. We are preparing for Capitol Day May 25.

**Science-**

The law of conservation of mass... what happens if we break it? We will be classifying chemical reactions and how compare to one another and what their characteristics are....



**Math 8 Accelerated:**

Continued from last week: We will be investigating two new methods (completing the square and the quadratic formula) to solve quadratic equations. Then, we will dive into the world of graphing quadratics.

**Math 8:**

Continued from last week: 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. Students will have a unit test this Friday!

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

**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.

**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. This should be the final day.**

**Español:** We are doing some practice in preparation for a quiz on Thursday about four irregular verbs and regular -ER verbs. We are looking over the menus we made and if we have time, we will practice ordering.

outage last Friday, our our annual Called to Protect lesson on Human Dignity will be rescheduled to next Monday.

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