

Somewhere in the Middle

May 1st, 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

5-5 6th grade hosts school mass
5-5 9 8 graders to LifeSaver Retreat
5-6 Middle School Game Night
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 May! Get ready for a warm week....

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

Course Updates: Language Arts -

Speeches: Last presentations continue on Monday (and maybe Tuesday). Later in the week the kids will be learning more about similes and metaphors while reading a short story, "How Many Stars in My Crown"? Poetry (and figurative language) will then continue for the rest of the month.

Social Studies - The Gupta Empire Palm-Leaf Journal final product is due Thursday May 4! Students have been working in class for the past two weeks on this project.

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

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-

The students will begin knowing and putting into use figurative language terms for poetry. They will be reading short stories and poems with these terms.

Social Studies - 7th graders have chosen a Renaissance person to research and the final product is due Thursday May 4. Otherwise in class the students are learning about the Protestant Reformation.

Science - Last week, we learned about the path that food takes in our digestive system. This week, we will

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

9 students will be going to the LifeSaver Retreat on Friday. I would like baby pics by May 8th! Please put them in an envelope with their name on back of picture. See email regarding important Graduation dates.

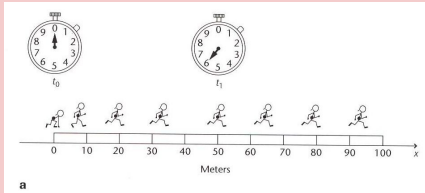
Course Updates

Language Arts:

8A, B: Poetry has already begun, and they will be creating their own poetry books as an 8th grade project/tradition. I will also be working closely with Mrs. O'Dell for their Congressional Hearings and making sure they are organized in their research.

Social Studies - Students will continue the research and preparation process. We are preparing for Capitol Day May

Science- Last week, we completed our text, From Bacteria to Plants, and we will begin our text, Motion, Forces and Energy, this week. We begin with describing motion- what is it? How is it measured? What is a reference point? We will also be learning more about the metric system, and how the rest of the world uses it exclusively for it's units of measure.....



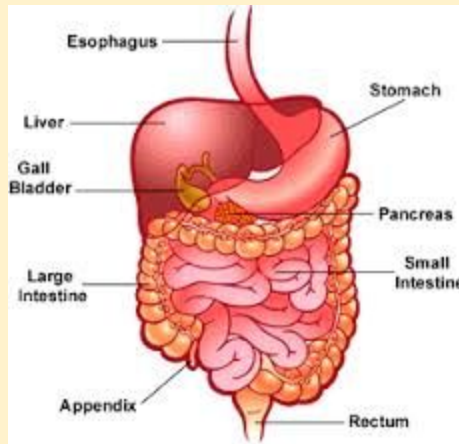
Math -
This week we are learning how to use algebra to solve one-step equations. I am challenging students to show their work and understand the reasoning behind the steps so they will be successful when solving more complicated equations. On Friday, we should have a quiz.

Religion/Health-
6th grade will be preparing the mass for this Friday, May 5th. We hope you can join us....

We will begin our unit on the reproductive system in May. Be looking for the informational letter to come home this week.

Español: We are working more with food vocabulary and practicing how to ask what is on the menu, order food, pay and more.

learn more about the complexities that take place on that journey. Test Friday over Chapter 2.



Math Velazquez - We are diving back into the world of irrational numbers as we explore square roots and cube roots this week.

Math Drenner -
This week, we will be seeing in 3-D! We will be classifying 3 dimensional figures and finding their volumes, and using formulas to calculate volumes of everyday objects. How much water can swimming pools hold? How can containers of different shapes contain the same volume?

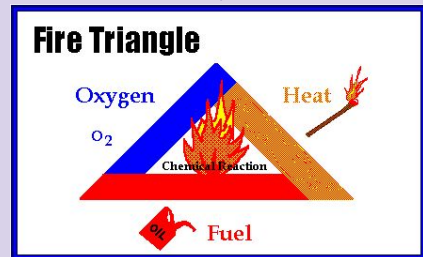
Religion - This week, we will be wrapping up our group work on the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, will be continue our work on classroom community, and will work on an assessment of our learning of Jesus' Passion, resurrection and ascension.

Health-Brain quiz on Thursday!

Español: Students are correcting the mistakes they made on the quiz to earn some additional points. It was challenging and they will need more practice to be more consistently

25. When they are not working on the hearing

Science-
We will complete Chapter 2 in our text this week with a test on Thursday. We will be examining the fire triangle this week, and discovering how putting out fire is keeping the reactants apart.



Math 8 Accelerated:
Students just took a quiz on methods for solving quadratics. Next, we will investigate graphs of quadratics, will learn their key features, how to graph from equations and how to use the graph and features to solve problems.

Math 8:
Students have been working on a final project for our exponent, scientific notation, and radical unit which is due next Monday! We will focus our learning next on discovering the pythagorean theorem through a proof and then will apply it to solve problems.

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 our annual Called to Protect lesson on Human Dignity will be

Counselor Note: There have been some questions about a show on Netflix that is called 13 Reasons Why. Some of our students have watched it, and I want parents to understand the content is very mature and deserves some informative education around it.

<http://ltgo.co/2pE9tlo>

<https://www.facebook.com/lifeteen/videos/10154881365317034/>

Here are a couple other good articles/videos that have been posted as discussion on the Archdiocese Youth Minister Facebook:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngD3PtPt3ac&app=desktop>

<https://www.jedfoundation.org/13-reasons-why-talking-points/>

I am always available for support and questions.

- Mrs. Borne

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rescheduled to next Monday.

Health- This week we will continue to discuss in depth the harmful effects of tobacco and alcohol.
Presentations

Español: We will do more practice with conjugations. They will need more practice to be more consistently successful with conjugations of these 4 irregular verbs and regular ER verbs. We are also going to learn how to discuss ordering food and asking questions at a restaurant and using our menus.