

Somewhere in the Middle January 22th, 2018



Fall 2015.....

All middle school students are required to keep a book for silent reading with them at all times.

Please make sure that your student has a working set of earbuds to keep with their iPad that stays at school.

We will be Aimsweb testing in the next week. Students are encouraged to eat breakfast, hydrate and get enough sleep, as these have all been proven to have an impact on test scores :)

**E-mail service hours to
servicehours@ctk.pvt.k12.or.us**

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 1-24 early dismissal
- 1-25 Author visit at 10:30
- 1-30 MS science fair, 8:30 to 10:15
- 1-31 2:10 dismissal
- 2-1 Spelling Bee, 1:30
Evening Open House, 5-7
- 2-2 No School, Faith Formation Inservice

Find your homework assignments:

Mrs. Ballou- Google Classroom
Mrs. Velazquez- Google Classroom
Ms. O'Dell- Google Classroom
Mrs. Drenner Google Classroom
Mrs. Farrow- Google Classroom
Maestra Ivonne- Google Classroom

6th Grade News

Classroom News- Great job hosting mass! We have one more week before Catholic Schools Week- we will be cleaning and polishing the classroom for tours next week and special events. I also want to thank the 6th grade for being great for my substitute teachers last week. I am well now, but was so proud of their level of integrity while I was out.

Science- We will be preparing our science fair reports and displays for the science fair next week, and designing bridges that span 1 foot and can hold 5 pounds of weight.

Religion- We will be learning about the categories of books in the Old Testament. What books are of the prophets? What are wisdom books?

Health- Students will be

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

This weekend is open house! Please come mass at Christ the King and have your children wear their uniforms. (They can earn a free dress pass from Dr. Jefferies if they do)

Science- We will be preparing our science fair reports and displays for the science fair next week, and designing bridges that span 1 foot and can hold 5 pounds of weight.

Study Lab- Students will be having time to prepare their science fair reports and visual displays this week.

Health- Students will be learning about different things in the environment that can affect their health

Math A: This week, we are working on problem solving and persevering in that process as we apply our understanding of circle relationships. Also, students will begin a final

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

Math A: We are contextualizing and decontextualizing slope and y-intercept. Students will also develop fluency calculating slope and writing equations of lines in slope-intercept form. Students will be accessing their online textbook at: <https://im.openupresources.org/8/students/index.html> They will find a glossary, explanation of concepts, and homework here.

Math B: This week, we are developing our fluency with multiplying polynomials and will be investigating special products. Then, we will look at a real-life example of quadratic functions to set the context for factoring.

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Math: Students will be extending their ratio understanding to convert units and compare rates. Students will be accessing their online textbook at: <https://im.openupresources.org/6/students/index.html>. They will find a glossary, explanation of concepts, and homework here.

Language Arts:

1. Capitalization and Punctuation Unit for the next 3 weeks. We will focus on how to use apostrophes correctly.
2. Along with Social Studies, we will begin organizing and drafting their first expository research paper on pharaohs and gods within Ancient Egypt. We will focus on the 6 Traits of Writing as their rubric.

Social Studies: The students are working on researching an Ancient Egyptian God/Goddess of choice. Their goal to gather enough information to write an expository essay for ELA with Mrs. Ballou. In SS I will be guiding them in research using Oregon School Library databases and helping them put together a MLA Works Cited page.
This trimester will have a larger focus on researching using databases and academic citations. *Please ask your*

art/math project to show their learning. Students will have a quiz on Thursday. Students will be accessing their online textbook at: <https://im.openupresources.org/7/students/index.html> They will find a glossary, explanation of concepts, and homework here.

Math B: We will be beginning our next unit: Circles! Students will work at understanding the key parts of a circle, will discover pi and its relationship with circles, and will work on applying these relationships to find circumference.

Language Arts:

After finishing *The Pearl*, the students have been assigned a follow up extension activity. This is due Wednesday. Beginning Thursday, we will look into capitalization and punctuation rules. This will continue for the next 2-3 weeks.

Religion: We are continuing our unit on the Acts of the Apostles and will be focusing specifically on Saints Peter and Paul this week. We will be having a quiz on Friday and will begin working on a Saints Peter and Paul Social Media project this week.

Social Studies: This week the students will be (1) exploring various New Year's traditions with a focus on the Chinese New Year and (2) beginning Feudal Japan in the feudalism unit. **This trimester will have a large focus on notetake and active reading! ***Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.*

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Chinese New Years Celebration with Kindergarten Buddies: Thursday Feb. 15!!!

Spanish:

- No quiz this week.

Language Arts:

We are finally getting into reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. I know the students will love the novel and all the activities that go along with it. Along with reading and comprehending, they will complete an end of the unit project and watch the movie!

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Health- Students will be learning about different things in the environment that can affect their health.

Religion- We will be finishing our unit on the Middle Ages. We will have a quiz on Friday and will begin an Illuminated Scripture project.

Social Studies: This week: (1) researching about famous African Americans in preparation for Black History Month (2) continue learning about the US Constitution and our first unit for the Simulated Congressional Hearing!!!
**This trimester we will be focusing on debates and

children about their learning and share your thoughts.

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Study Lab: Students will be monitoring their SMART goal progress. We will continue to learn more test taking strategies.

Spanish:

- No quiz this week.

We will be reviewing all the material this week that will be in their test next Monday January 29th such as: calendar, articles, pronouns, numbers, singular and plural. Test is 40% of their grade. Students should be spending 15-20 minutes every day reviewing the material. I have created studies sets in quizlet which they can practice at home. Just a reminder there are no retakes in Spanish.

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Spanish:

- Quiz this week about adjectives.

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