

Somewhere in the Middle February 5th, 2018

CALENDAR REMINDERS

2/13 Fat Tuesday Party, All mid sch.
2/14 Ash Wednesday Mass, 9am
2/19 No School- Presidents Day
2/20 No School - Teacher Inservice
2/21 NET Retreat 7th/8th
2/22 7/ & 8 grades see Annie @ St, Mary's Academy

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



We will **not** be celebrating Valentine's Day next week since it is on Ash Wednesday. Instead, we will have a Fat Tuesday party on Feb. 13th at 1:30.

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.

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6th Grade News

Classroom News- Great job at the science fair and spelling bee last week! Congratulations to Miss Maddie Teitelman for winning. She advances to the regional round.....More news to follow....

Since Valentine's day falls on Ash Wednesday, we will not be having a party on Wednesday. Instead, we are having a Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday party Feb. 13

If you wish to bring valentines:

1. You **must** bring one for everyone in your class.
2. You may only hand them out on Tuesday, **not Wednesday.**

Science- We will be

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

This year, instead of a Valentine's Day party, we are having a Middle School Mardi Gras party. If your child would still like to share Valentines, they need to make enough to share with the ENTIRE class and we will be passing them out on Tuesday 2/13.

Science- We will be wrapping up our unit on bridge design and construction with a multiple choice test on Friday.

Study Lab- Students will be learning self-advocacy skills again this week.

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

Math A: Students are wrapping up

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

We will NOT be having a Valentine's party on the 14th. Please bring in your child's valentine's **FOR EACH CHILD** on the 13th. At CTK, we require each student to bring in a card/gift for each peer as to not leave anyone out. Thanks!

Math A: This week, students are applying their understanding of linear relationships to solve problems and reviewing what they have learned as they prepare for a unit test next Monday. Students will be accessing their online textbook at: <https://im.openupresources.org/8/students/index.html> They will find a glossary,

wrapping up our unit on bridge design and construction with a multiple choice test on Friday.

Religion- We will be taking a closer look at special things we do during lent that we don't do during other times of the liturgical calendar. Why do we fast and not eat meat on Fridays and?

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

Math: Students will be working on some challenging problem solving that requires them to apply their ratio and rate understanding this week. They will also be bringing home mini-project to work on mid week, which requires a joint trip to the grocery store, so stay posted. 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:

Their final draft of their SS/ELA paper is due Monday(Today). Last week, I individually went over their papers with them. We will resume their Punctuation unit this week and prepare for a major test on Capitalization and Punctuation the following week.

Social Studies:The students are studying the Origins of Judaism and the foundations of monotheism. They will be

their work on their final circle projects. We will continue to work on building fraction and decimal fluency as we solve rate and proportion problems involving rational numbers. 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: Students will be deriving the formula for the area of a circle and then applying it to solve problems. Then, we will begin our study of angles and will use our equation knowledge to solve for missing measures.

Language Arts

We will look into capitalization and punctuation rules. This will continue for the next 2-3 weeks. Our time will be split between capitalization rules and looking at the author's purpose while incorporating black history month while reading about Ruby Bridges.

Religion: We are beginning a mini-unit on Lent that will cover the origin and history of Lent, the meaning of Ash Wednesday, the meaning behind the number 40, the three pillars of lent, reconciliation, and the Stations of the Cross.

Social Studies: This week the students will be putting the final touches on the Chinese New Year's celebration. Students will also be creating a "class schedule" for a samurai due THURSDAY. ****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

explanation of concepts, and homework here.

Math B: Students are continuing to learn new methods of factoring. We will work on building fluency in factoring completely with all methods.

Language Arts:

We are 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!

Study Lab- Students will be learning self-advocacy skills again this week.

Science- We will be wrapping up our unit on bridge design and construction with a multiple choice test on Friday.

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

Religion- The students Illuminated Scripture project is due on Tuesday. We will have the ACRE assessment on Tuesday- this assessment informs our instruction at CTK and does not impact the student's grades. We will begin a Lenten unit on Thursday that will focus on the parts of Lord's prayer and how we can practice that in our own lives.

Social Studies: 8th graders

developing a response to "What makes Jerusalem the center of the world?" Quiz over chapter 5 study guides go home Tuesday.

This trimester will have a larger focus on researching using databases and academic citations. *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.*

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Study Lab: Students will be monitoring their SMART goal progress and creating new ones. We are beginning to learn ways to self-advocate.

Spanish:

- No quiz this week.
- We will be reviewing the test from last week.
- New vocabulary about hobbies and seasons and weather.

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.

Feb. 15!!! I'm looking for parent volunteers!!

E-mail me if you are interested at odellm@ctk.pvt.k12.or.us

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will be learning about the Constitutional Convention and various points of views. We will continue to learn about the US Constitution and our first unit for the Simulated Congressional Hearing!!!

This trimester we will be focusing on debates and beginning to practice Congressional Hearing simulations. *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.*

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Spanish:

- No quiz this week.
- We will review the test from last week.
- We will be starting to work with conjugation of different verbs.
- Students will present orally their Biopoems
- We will be working with famous comics from Argentina. "Mafalda and her friends"
- We will be using weekly tongue twisters.

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