



December 5th, 2016

- 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

12/8 - Mass- Feast of the Immaculate Conception 9am
12/15- Christmas Program
1:30 & 7PM
12/16- Noon Dismissal- begin
Christmas Break
01/3 - School Resumes
01/31- Middle School Science Fair
8:30-10:15

6th Grade News

Classroom News

2 weeks until Christmas vacation, and we have much to do before the end of the year.....

Course Updates:

Language Arts -.Along with reviewing summaries from last week on Cornell Notes, we will also be focusing on how to cite evidence from short stories and articles. By next week, they will know how to cite evidence and write short summaries from their articles and stories. Vocab only this week from Unit 1 vocabulary words. (#14-20) Test Friday..

Social Studies - Students are working on their "Build Your Own Ancient Civilization" projects due Thursday: Dec. 15!! We are starting to do binder checks.

Science-

We will be comparing and contrasting bacteria and viruses this week, as well as winding up our culture investigation- what is the germiest place in the school? Find out Tuesday.
Also- we will be winding up our

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

To build classroom community and share love this advent season, we set up "Advent Angels" today. Students will need to make or purchase a (\$5) gift and write a card for the classmate they drew. Check your email for more information on this topic.

Course Updates:

Language Arts- We will be asking ourselves the essential question for the week: How do different mediums affect reader perceptions while reading the play and eventually watching the story, "A Christmas Carol". Vocab only this week from Unit 4-Test next week.

Social Studies - Students are working on their travel brochure for Ancient China. These are due Thursday: Dec. 15.

Science - As we continue to study the science of heredity, we will be learning about the process of meiosis. We will compare and contrast meiosis and mitosis as we find new metaphors for each. We will also be working forward on our science fair project process. Display boards will be sent home

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News: I hope the placement tests went well! Please note that kids have their Secret Santas! Gifts are to be brought next Thursday!

Course Updates

Language Arts: This week we will learn 3 types of irony and read short stories focusing on irony. They will get into groups and read different stories, then report back to class about examples of irony from each story. Vocab only this week. Unit 4 words with test next week.

Social Studies - Students will be starting to identify the reasons for the American Revolution with the goal to create a "Recipe for a Revolution."

Science-

We continue to learn about the different types of elements in the periodic table- mainly metalloids and non-metals. We will also be working on the background information and hypothesis statement sections of our science fair reports. The goal is to be ready to conduct our experiments by next Friday, the day we leave

Living Wise program and working through the steps of the scientific process to set our experiments up for success.

Math -

Students are taking a quiz tomorrow on efficient whole number and decimal operations. We will continue the week studying prime factorization, least common multiple, greatest common factor, and their applications.

Religion/Health-

We will be preparing for the prayer service this Monday, Dec. 12th. We will, as well, begin to watch the story of the birth of Christ, "The Nativity", and the events surrounding His arrival. In Health class, we will continue to look at the causes, symptoms and ways to relieve stress.

Español: We had a half day and I had a substitute so I only had one class with them this week. Students had a short 20 minute French lesson and they heard about her time living in France. They enjoyed it. We practiced using the verb "gustar" and reviewed people vocabulary (neighbor, parents, classmates, etc.) We introduced vocabulary about personality traits and how some traits (like being "daring") can be expressed as a compliment or as an insult in Spanish-speaking countries. We are starting to talk about permanent expressions to describe people.

this week so that students can work on them when they have time.

Math Velazquez - Students took a quiz today on writing and solving multi-step equations. Continuing in our study of equations this week, we will learn how to solve more challenging equations including ones with variables on both sides and with rational expressions. We will also be analyzing the types of solutions an equation can have.

Math Drenner - We will spend time this week learning about absolute values and what role they play in operating with rational numbers, as well as when we find them in everyday life.

Religion -We are wrapping up our study on Jesus' two natures with a quiz on Wednesday and some Beatitudes activities on Tuesday. Next, in light of our advent season, we will focus on the Birth of Jesus.

Health-Starting Project Based Learning for Self-Esteem.

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Math 8 Accelerated: Continuing our study of systems of equations this week, we are learning algebraic methods for solving systems of equations (substitution and elimination) and will apply these skills to write systems of equations to solve word problems.

Math 8:

Continuing our study of solving equations this week, we are working on writing and solving equations to solve word problems. We will also look at equations with variables on both sides and will analyze the types of solutions an equation can have. Students will have a quiz on multi-step equations on Thursday.

Religion:

Health- We have begun discussing the body and how we can make mature decisions on sex related issues and their body development. These next weeks we will look at STD's and gather current statistics on each one.

Español: I only had one class with the students this week because of the half day and they had a class with a substitute. It was enough to introduce vocabulary about personality traits and to hear that some vocabulary like this can be used in a permanent way ("She is a funny person.") versus a temporary way ("She is being funny right now."). We are focusing on the permanent expressions to describe people.

