

God Bless you, Puerto Rico & Las Vegas

Somewhere in the Middle October 2nd, 2017

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 stay school.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

10-3 6th grade leaves for ODS
10-12 Noon Dismissal
10-13 No School- Teacher In
Service Day
10-19 Jog-a-thon!
10-26 & 10-27 Conferences (No school)

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 Spanish- TBA

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Just 1 more day until we leave for outdoor school! There is a copy of the 411 info sheet posted on google classroom. The packing list can be accessed by going to NWRESD.org and following outdoor school prompt to teachers, forms and equipment list. See you Tuesday morning!

Math: Enjoy outdoor school!
Students will be accessing
their online textbook at:
https://im.openupresources.or
g/6/students/index.html.
They will find a glossary,
explanation of concepts, and
homework here.

Language Arts:

We will watch and take notes on the "Parts of speech" song on Monday. They will add this to their composition notebook on the parts of speech we began on Friday. Narratives to

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

We are almost a month into school. Let's keep up the good work!

<u>Science</u> We will explore the world of the cell and learn the organelle structures and their functions. How big is a cell? How many of them are in our bodies? Mrs. Johnson will be subbing this week.

<u>Health-</u> We continue to learn about pressure, especially from the media, by looking at advertising practices and how they are targeted at us, the consumer. Students will be creating commercials for products using these advertising techniques.

<u>Study Lab-</u> Our focus of study lab this week will be learning styles, focusing on auditory learning strategies.

Math A: We are continuing to work on reasoning with scale drawings by creating our own scale drawing and answering questions about it - this is an in-class mini-project. We will

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

Sweatshirts have been ordered! Many have been asking, but I have no idea when they will get here. It's a waiting game now!

Math A: Students will continue applying their understanding of transformations to discover properties of parallel lines and prove figures are congruent. There is a quiz retake on Thursday for their transformations quiz. Students will be accessing their online textbook at: https://im.openupresources.or

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Math B: Students are wrapping up their learning of the different forms of linear equations and will apply their

continue.

Social Studies: We have started our first unit about geography and archeology. Your child will be able to answer the big question of How much does geography affect people's lives? We are learning about the first people. On Monday only they are becoming Historical Detectives and exploring cave man paintings and tools. Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.

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Study Lab: Outdoor School!!!

hopefully wrap up our study of scale this week and will have a unit test early next week. 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 taking a quiz on Rational Number Operations tomorrow. Then, we will study how the entire Real Number system is organized and start investigating converting between decimals and fractions, focusing in on repeating decimals

Language Arts: After a mini lesson last Friday on types of sentences, it turns out we need a major review on simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences this week. Hoping for a quiz on Friday to prove they have it down.

Religion: 7th grade is now going to be delving into the Gospel of Luke and focusing on how Luke is a Gospel of Compassion where Jesus reached out to the poor and marginalized. All students received their Bibles on Friday. Students are expected to have their Bible in class everyday.

On Friday we have the opportunity to see a 1st Class Relic from St. John Paul the II. We will prepare ourselves for this day by learning about relics and St. John Paul II on Thursday.

Social Studies: The

mini-presentations last week were fantastic!! This week your child will be learning about the formation of the Roman Republic and daily life of different groups. The big question is What should governments do?
Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.

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knowledge in a group assessment this Thursday. Then, we will begin to explore the slopes and equations of parallel and perpendicular lines.

Language Arts: Their last prefix quiz over ALL words will be this Thursday. No retakes will be given so make sure they study! Call of the Wild began last Friday and we have read most of Ch. One focusing on the characters.

Science— We are exploring the world of the atom this week. What are atoms? What are they made of? How can we look at a model of an atom (since they are unimaginably small) and know what it represents? Mrs. Johnson will be subbing this week.

<u>Health-</u> We continue to learn about pressure, especially from the media, by looking at advertising practices and how they are targeted at us, the consumer. Students will be creating commercials for products using these advertising techniques.

<u>Study Lab-</u> Our focus of study lab this week will be Call of the Wild reading study groups.

Religion— We are finishing up our unit on the early Church. Students will be working on a "Today's Risk" project, investigating how Christians are persecuted around the world for their beliefs. All students received their Bibles on Friday. Students are expected to have their Bible in class everyday.

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Social Studies: The students are starting our first unit exploring North America before and during colonization. Our goal is to be able to answer the big question:

Whose history?

Students are learning about different Native American tribes. Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.

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