

Somewhere in the Middle October 9th, 2017

CALENDAR REMINDERS

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



Outdoor School 2017

Just this week.....
Free Dress Wednesday
Uniforms Thursday
Thursday noon dismissal
Friday no school

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.

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Outdoor school was wonderful! We had great weather and learned so much! Many staff people, and the bus drivers, both to and from camp, complemented our students- your children- on how kind and respectful and sweet they were. I was and am proud of them

Religion- We will be reviewing some of the things that we learned at outdoor school, and how we are called to be good stewards of our Earth. How can we do that as 6th graders? We will also be learning about the relic that was on display here, what relics are and what they represent.

Health- We will be learning about micro-organisms this week, and how hand washing is the #1 best thing we can do to stop the spread of disease.

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

This week, free dress is on Wednesday and students need to come to school wearing uniforms on Thursday for class pictures.

Science- 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?

Health- We will continue to learn about pressure that we face each day. How can we learn to just say "no" when there is so much pressure?

Study Lab- Make sure you have a reading book handy!

Math A: We are wrapping up our unit and working on reviewing for our unit test this week. The test is scheduled for 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.

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

As you can see, the sweatshirts arrived and it looks like the kids are loving them! Please make sure you sign your child up to shadow at local Catholic schools! Also, please make sure your child has headphones as some are using mine.

Math A: Students will continue applying their understanding of transformations, parallel lines, and congruence to discover and prove relationships between angles in triangles and in parallel lines. 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 will be applying our understanding of

Math: We wrapped up our work with area of triangles today and will be reviewing tomorrow for a quiz on Area on Thursday. On Wednesday, if we have time, we will start investigating Polygons and their definition/properties. 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: We will finish our narratives Monday and Tuesday. They have a peer edit checklist located on google classroom. **They will have their last 15 prefixes quiz on Thursday.**

Social Studies: We have moved on to learning about early hominids. 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. *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.*

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Study Lab: This week the focus will be on exploring kinesthetic learning.

Math B: We will be investigating converting between decimals and fractions, focusing in on repeating decimals. Students have a unit Test coming up next Tuesday.

Language Arts: We are incorporating their Social Studies presentation into LA by creating an argumentative essay from it! This is due Tuesday. Since a lot of them did not use "ACES" correctly in their SS summaries, we will reexamine this again by summarizing more articles using the same approach.

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 students have studied the social structures of the Roman Republic and are learning about the expansion. The big question is **What should governments do? Roman geography quiz Tuesday Oct. 17!** *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.* **Make sure you have earbuds or headphones that stay at school.**

linear equations with a Barbie Bungee Jumping group mini-project. Then, we will have a unit test next Tuesday.

Language Arts: We have finished Call of the Wild and are now on to "To Build a Fire." This is the short story by the same author, Jack London. At the end of the story, we will get ready for our first Socratic Seminar of the year!

Science- We will continue 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?

Health- We will continue to learn about pressure that we face each day. Who are some of the celebrities that we look up to? Are they good role models for us? Why or why not?

Study Lab- 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 wrapping up the geography and people in North America prior to colonization. Our goal is to be able to answer the big question: **Whose history?**

Students are learning about the different European settlements in the Americas. *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.*

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