



## “Sog-a-thon” 2017

### Somewhere in the Middle October 23rd, 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.

FYI: Mrs. Ballou will be leaving at 2 P.M. each day of conferences.

#### CALENDAR REMINDERS

10-25 Early Release 2:10  
10-26 & 10-27 Conferences (No school) bring your student!  
10-31 Halloween dress up  
1-11 All Saints Day Mass

#### **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

Great job on the sog-a-thon last Thursday! Our students had great attitudes and a lot of fun!

Conferences this Thursday and Friday will be student led- they need to come with you to present their work. See you then- please sign up if you have not already.

**Science-** Our focus this week are micro organisms and the important role that they play in our lives. How do they reproduce? How do they travel? What is the difference between a bacteria and a virus?

**Religion-** Our focus this week will be on the first 5 books of the bible- the Pentateuch. What are the foci of these books? We watched the animated movie “The Prince of Egypt” last week, which is the story of the Exodus. We will focus on Moses this week and his role as a prophet.

#### 7TH GRADE NEWS

##### Classroom News

See you all at conferences. Be sure to bring your student!

**Science-** We will continue to explore the world of the cell and learn this week how cells reproduce and the remarkable process that is mitosis.

**Health-** Because of our schedule, we haven't met in a while.... Since there is no school on Thursday, we will take some of our science time for health on Wednesday. We will be focusing on the importance of balance -from sleep to exercise to food to scheduling.

**Study Lab-** We will be taking some DEAR time and focusing this week on goal setting- What are our big picture goals and what are the smaller goals that will get us to our ultimate goals?

**Math A:** Students will continue building their understanding of proportional relationships as we continue to investigate tables and the constant of proportionality with real-life situations. Then, we will

#### 8TH GRADE NEWS

##### Classroom News:

**La Salle's open house is THIS SUNDAY!**

*Congrats to Owen Cote and Ella Gach and Jenna Lauer-Watkins for running the most laps at the Jog-a-thon last week! :)*

**Math A:** We are taking our first unit test today. Then, students will begin our next unit: Dilations, Similarity, and Introducing Slope. We will start by applying the students' proportional understanding of scale to figure out how dilations work. 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:** Students are taking their Linear Equation Unit test today. Then, we will start our next unit: Linear Inequalities

**Health-** We will be learning more about micro-organisms this week. What is the difference between bacteria and viruses? How can they be treated and prevented?

**Math:** Students will continue working on building their understanding of surface area this week as we introduce nets to help us with visualizing our calculations. 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:**  
**Unit 3 Spelling test on Monday, October 23rd. They also have a types of sentences quiz Monday.** We will continue to look at finding the main idea these next 3 days.

**Social Studies:** We are creating a comic book on the Paleolithic and Neolithic Eras! Comic book due: Thursday Nov. 2. The goal is to answer: **How much does geography affect people's lives?** and **What are the consequences of technology?** Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts. **Make sure you have earbuds or headphones that stay at school.**

**Study Lab:** This week the focus will be creating goals and looking at Smart Goal Setting.

extend our understanding to include equations. 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 are taking their first unit test today. Then, we will begin our next unit: Algebraic Reasoning by deepening our understanding of "like terms" and will be applying algebraic properties to simplify algebraic expressions.

**Language Arts:** While reading "Flowers for Algernon", we have discussed character development. They also read Ch. 4 from *Frankenstein*, comparing the doctors from each text.

**Religion:** We will finish our unit on Gospel of Luke and look at how Jesus welcomed those on the fringes of society. I will be introducing a unit project Tuesday to the students called "Who Doesn't Jesus Love?" where students will look at how Jesus would reach out to today's outsiders and outcasts.

I will be at conferences Thursday from 12-7 and Friday 8-3.

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**Social Studies:** Your children will be creating a timeline of Ancient Rome. The goal of the timeline is to answer: **What should governments do?** and **Who should rule Rome?**

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by investigating solutions to inequalities and by building fluency in solving inequalities.

**Language Arts:** They completed their Socratic Seminar on Thursday and did a great job! We will be working on 6 different suffixes this week. Our goal is to look at words and at least know their part of speech based on the ending of the word.

**Science-** We will be learning about the world of radioactive isotopes of elements this week. What is an isotope? What makes it radioactive? What is radioactivity? Students have an atomic model and report due Friday, Nov. 3. The details are posted on Google Classroom.

**Health-** We will be learning about alcohol and tobacco products this week, and how they can both be addictive and harmful to the body. We will be discussing the pros and cons of the Oregon Lottery.

**Study Lab-** We will be taking some DEAR time and focusing this week on goal setting- What are our big picture goals and what are the smaller goals that will get us to our ultimate goals?

**Religion-** We will be continuing our unit on the growth of Christianity and the Church Fathers. We will also be examining the split in the church between the Western and Eastern churches.

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**Social Studies:** The students are exploring the motivations for Europeans to colonize North America and what are the unique characteristics of each of the 13 Colonies. Our goal is to be able to answer the big question: **How does geography and culture influence the people in North America?**and **Why do people move?** Socratic seminar Tuesday Oct. 24 on slavery. *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.*  
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