



Somewhere in the Middle November 6th, 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.

Where's Waldo?

CALENDAR REMINDERS

11-8 2:10 dismissal
 11-10 Veteran's Day- No School
 11-22 Noon dismissal
 11-23-24 Happy Thanksgiving
 12-1 Noon dismissal,
 end of Fall Trimester

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

Thanks Mrs. Torres for a great Halloween party on Tuesday- a fun time was had by all :)

If anyone is interested in helping out, 6th grade will be dissecting squid on Thursday at 10:45. E-mail me if you would like to participate.

Science- Our focus this week will be how prokaryotes are related to other organisms in the animal, plant and fungi kingdoms. What are some of the structures protists share with these other organisms? What makes them different? Quiz over protists on Wednesday.

Religion- Last week, our reading focused on the stages of salvation laid out for us in the Bible. Our focus this week will be the different ways in which God has revealed himself and his expectations of us as his

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

I appreciate your family and student service to our school through traffic duty! We are almost done with traffic for the year. I will be celebrating our students who have worked extra hard as substitutes, so stay tuned for more celebration info.

Science- We will look at the inverse relationship between photosynthesis and respiration. What are reactants and products in a chemical reaction? What are some evidences of photosynthesis that we can witness?

Health- We will be practicing mindfulness techniques this week, and how the emotional-body-mental connection creates a health triangle. How can we keep that in balance?

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: We are continuing to deepen our understanding of proportional

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

Do not stress! In LA class, we will be working on the short essay questions and the HSPT sample questions for the month of November. Have you registered them for the placement test? Have they shadowed?

Math A: Students will be building their understanding of Dilations this week as we perform, identify, and describe them in multiple contexts. Then, we will extend our understanding to discuss properties of similar figures. 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 will be working on solving, graphing, and interpreting compound and

people. We will focus especially on what a covenant is.

Health- We won't meet this week as there is no school on Friday.

Math: We are wrapping up our Geometry unit this week as we connect exponents with surface area and volume through perfect squares and perfect cubes. Then, students will start working on their final design project for the unit. 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:

While reading the first chapter of *The BreadWinner*, we have been learning how to answer a short essay by using "ACES." Please ask them about this to see if they recall the information given in class! More chapters and novel guides to come this week!

Social Studies: The goal is to answer: **How much does geography affect people's lives?** and **What are the consequences of technology?** Our current unit of study is learning about the Rise of Mesopotamia. *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

relationships as we start to discern how to determine if a given table, equation, or story is proportional or not.. 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 continue working on creating equivalent and more simplified expressions using algebraic properties. We will be emphasizing distributing negatives and differentiating between variables like x and x^2 . Then, we will apply our understanding to story problems as we try to represent real life scenarios algebraically

Language Arts: We will be comparing and contrasting the short story, "Flowers for Algernon" with the movie, *Charly*. They will create a compare/contrast essay on them this week!

Religion: There will be a quiz Gospel of Luke on Thursday. Students will work on their "Who Doesn't Jesus Love?" project where students will look at how Jesus would reach out to today's outsiders and outcasts. The project is due Tuesday November 7th and students will have class time this week to work on it.

Social Studies: Our new unit of study is Ancient West Africa. The students will be focusing on geography, culture, religion, and comparing/contrasting modern day with Ancient conflicts. *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts. Make sure you have earbuds or headphones that stay at school.*

absolute value inequalities. Then, we will extend our inequality understanding to the coordinate plane with inequalities in two variables.

Language Arts:

1. We will be reviewing placement test type questions and vocab the whole month of November.
2. We will be working on short essay questions that are found on their application for high school.

Science- We will be learning about the periodic table this week. How is it organized? Why do the elements sit in the place that they do? Who discovered this and how?

Health- We will be learning about sources of stress in our daily lives, and how even happy events can be a stress to our health. Students took a stress assessment this morning.

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 spend time looking at the Nicene Creed this week and how it translates into our own lives. They will make their own creed using the Nicene Creed as a model.

focus will be creating goals and looking at Smart Goal Setting.

Social Studies: The students are exploring how the British Crown ruled the colonies. Our goal is to be able to answer **Was the American Revolution justified?**

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