

Somewhere in the Middle December 4th, 2017



Happy Advent!

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 stays at school.

E-mail service hours to
servicehours@ctk.pvt.k12.or.us

CALENDAR REMINDERS

12-4 First day of Winter term
12-6 Early release Wednesday
12-8 Mass lead by 8th grade
12-13 Early release Wednesday
12-14 Christmas Program 1:30 & 7pm
12-15 Half day, Christmas vacation begins
1-3 School resumes

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
Maestra Ivonne- Google Classroom

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Ready for Advent?
A brand new trimester! 2 weeks until Christmas Break- we have much to do...
6th grade begins reading all school morning prayer this term.

Science- We will be working on our hypothesis statements for our science fair projects this week. We will also participating in Hour of Code this week.

Religion- Our focus this week will be on the season of Advent, as we begin our joyful wait for the birth of Jesus.

Health- We will be looking at the different vitamins and minerals that are needed for us to maintain good health. Why do we need iron? Vitamin C?

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Please see my email regarding class Secret Santa and a special kinder buddy activity.

Science- We will be working on our hypothesis statements for our science fair projects this week. We will also participating in Hour of Code this week.

Health- How iGen are you? We will be looking at research that looks at how technology can affect us.

Study Lab- We will be taking some DEAR time and focusing this week on researching for our science fair projects.

Math A: Students are working on finding connections between all representations of proportional relationships: tables, stories, graphs, and equations and using these

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

It sounds like the HSPT went well for the students! Don't forget, 8th grade now has safety patrol after school!

Math A: Students are using their knowledge of slope and similar triangles to develop informal equations of lines. Students will have a unit test this Friday that we will be reviewing for in class this week.. 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 building fluency with solving systems of equations algebraically. We will be applying their understanding

Math: Students are using their understanding of equivalent ratios to solve problems. The double number line is our tool for the beginning of the week. Then, we will extend our understanding of ratios to table where we will be finding more patterns. 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:

1. We will be reviewing verbs but mostly focusing on helping verbs and irregular verbs until Christmas vacation. [Helping and linking verb quiz tomorrow.](#)
2. **Spelling Bee for the class is coming up next week. If your child wants to participate, make sure they study!**

Social Studies: This trimester will have a larger focus on researching using databases and academic citations. Our current unit of study is learning about the first empires. Your child is researching a first empire and learning how to cite their research using MLA format. The goal is to answer: **What should governments do?** and **What are the consequences of technology?** Please ask your children about their learning and share your

concepts to solve problems. Students have a unit test this Friday 12/8. We will be reviewing in class this week. Students will have a quiz on Wednesday. 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 continuing to refine their understanding of solving multi-step equations and will be gaining strategies this week and next to solve increasingly complex equations.

Language Arts:

1. **Spelling Bee for the class is coming up next week. If your child wants to participate, make sure they study!**
2. We will be reviewing and discussing the 4 parts of a verb. While doing so, we will become very familiar with irregular verbs and how to write them correctly.

Religion: We will finish our unit on Parables this week. We will be doing a Parable project that will be introduced Tuesday and due the following Thursday. After finishing our Parables unit, we will look at the significance of Adven.

Social Studies: This trimester will have a large focus on notetake and active reading! We are studying Imperial China. The goal is to answer: **What should governments do?** and **What are the consequences of technology?** We are still reading *A Long Walk to Water*. Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.

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Spanish:

- Continuing reviewing "ser" and

to write systems in order to solve problems. Students have a quiz on solving systems of equations this Thursday.

Language Arts:

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2. We will be reviewing and discussing the 3 types of irony. 3 short stories will be read and dissected looking for the irony in each.

Science- We will be working on our hypothesis statements for our science fair projects this week. We will also participating in Hour of Code this week.

Health- How iGen are you? We will be looking at research that looks at how technology can affect us.

Study Lab- We will be taking some DEAR time and focusing this week on researching for our science fair projects.

Religion- We will begin a mini unit on Advent looking at the meaning of Advent, the Advent wreath, preparing for the second coming of Christ, and the names of Jesus.

Social Studies: This trimester we will be focusing on debates and beginning to practice Congressional Hearing simulations. The

thoughts.

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Study Lab: Students will be monitoring their SMART goal progress. Science Fair projects will begin soon and Study Lab will be a place to create an organizer and time management tools for this endeavor.

Spanish:

- Continuing reviewing "ser" and "estar" conjugation
- Introduction to vocabulary for calendar
- Continuing with Christmas traditions

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students are learning about the taxation policies pre-Revolutionary War and how different colonists viewed the actions of the Crown. Our goal is to be able to answer **Was the American Revolution justified?**. This week the students will continue exploring reasons behind the American Revolution. The goal is to be able to identify the "ingredients" of a revolution. *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.*

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