

Somewhere in the Middle September 18th, 2017



RIP Cassini

STAR testing continues, so please make sure kids are rested, fed and hydrated. Aimsweb testing begins next week.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 9-18 School pictures
- 9-20 Early dismissal
- 9-22 No school mass
- 9-29 6th grade hosts mass
- 10-3 6th grade leaves for ODS

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 2 more weeks until we leave for outdoor school! I want to thank everyone for getting the mountain of paperwork completed on time- it will be so worth it!

Science- We are preparing for outdoor school by learning some vocabulary, constructing field study bags and learning the schedule. I will post a copy of the packing list in case it was misplaced.

Religion- We will be looking at the different ways that we can serve each other. Our project includes an art piece called "Hands of Service" that will be on display this week.

Health- We will have a quiz on the sleep cycle this week, as well as begin a unit on hygiene habits.

Math: We will continue exploring properties and area

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Picture day was great today! Students will be participating in Aimsweb testing in class tomorrow.

Science- We will be learning about the ways we can think like a scientist, while focusing on hypothesizing and inferring. Students will have a quiz over the evolution of technology Wednesday.

Health- We continue to look at our strengths as we begin a unit on peer and other pressures that we experience every day, from other people and the media.

Study Lab- Our focus of study lab this week will be learning styles, focusing on visual learning strategies.

Math A: We are continuing to work on scale copies by focusing on using scale factors to help us draw and find missing side lengths in scale drawings. We will also be reasoning about how scaling figures affects the area of the figure. Students will be accessing their online textbook at:

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

Sweatshirts have been ordered! It's only a matter of time before the students get to wear them!

Math A: We are continuing our learning about transformations of figures. Students will apply their understanding of each transformation to draw new transformations, describe sequences of transformations and discover how transformations affect coordinates of points in the coordinate plane. 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: We will dive into graphing lines in slope-intercept form and

of parallelograms. Our goal is to decompose parallelograms and eventually discover the formula. 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: They should get their 4 Square Ideas summary back at the end of the week. We will begin writing narratives in class together and finish them after the get back from ODS.

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 Five Geographical Themes and applying them to news events. Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.--First quiz coming up next week TBD

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Study Lab: This year, once a week there will be a Study Lab. The purpose is to find ways to be more organized and self advocate as a student. This week the students will be learning about learning styles and what that means for them as students. This weeks learning style themes is **Visual Learner**

<https://im.openupresources.org/7/students/index.html>. They will find a glossary, explanation of concepts, and homework here.

Math B: We are moving onto working with Rational numbers as we explore more efficient methods (than we have learned in the past) for adding and subtracting rational numbers and applying this understanding to solve real-world problems. Students will be taking a post-assessment (like a quiz) based on the learning we did last week with writing and simplifying integer expression.

Language Arts: We will be studying prefixes (20) this week. We will also begin looking at "ACES", Answering, Citing evidence, Explaining further, and finally Summarizing articles after reading them.

Religion: We will start by looking at the structure of the New Testament, specifically focused on the Gospels.

Social Studies: Our goal this week is to be able to answer the big question: **How easily can certain nations rebuild after a natural disaster hits?** Your child will be comparing and contrasting nations in the Caribbean to the mainland in North America. Students are reviewing 6+ 1 Traits of writing and providing evidence. Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.

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applying our understanding of linear equations to solve problems by graphing and writing equations. We will also be investigating horizontal and vertical lines as well as introducing Standard form for linear equations.

Language Arts: We will be studying prefixes (20) this week, becoming familiar with them before moving on to root words.

Call of the Wild will begin this week, focusing on the characters and vocab from Ch. One.

Science- We will be learning about the ways we can think like a scientist, while focusing on hypothesizing and inferring. Students will finish a quiz over the evolution of technology Tuesday.

Health- Sleep quiz Monday, and we will be learning about how different drugs and substances interact with our body systems.

Study Lab- Our focus of study lab this week will be learning styles. We will take a learning styles inventory to explore our personal learning styles to better understand ourselves and incorporate these styles in our study habits.

Religion- We will begin learning about the Early Church, with a specific focus on Pentecost, the persecution the early Christians faced, and the Council of Jerusalem.

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can certain nations rebuild after a natural disaster hits?

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