

Somewhere in the Middle January 2nd, 2018

CALENDAR REMINDERS

1-5 8th grade hosts school mass
1-12 7th grade hosts school mass
1-15 MLK day, No School
1-19 6th grade hosts school mass
1-30 MS science fair, 8:30 to 10:15

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



2018
Happy New Year!

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

6th Grade News

Classroom News

Happy New Year! I hope your break was as joyful and restful as mine! We will be regaining our bearings this week- 2 weeks is a long time to be away.....

Thank you sooo much to Tera Torres and Heather Johnson for making our celebration special on Friday morning. You are truly appreciated.

Science- We will be learning about bridges and how their structures are designed and tested to ensure safe functioning. What are some bridge designs that are both attractive and functional? We will also be focusing on our science fair projects- the fair is at the end of the month.

Religion- Our focus this week will be on The Epiphany of the Lord, which will be this weekend.

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a wonderful and re-energizing break! Thank you all for your participation in our Secret Santa and Christmas party - the students had a great time!

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Health- We will be learning about our hearing and what things we can do to protect it.

Math A: Students will continue learning about circles as we look for the relationship between circumference and diameter and students will meet pi. Then, they will use these relationships to solve more complex problems. Students will be accessing their online textbook at:

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

Thank you to the MANY parents that assisted with the planning of the 8th grade breakfast!

<http://gpacalculator.net/high-school-gpa-calculator/> This is the tool to use for high school applications and GPAs.

Math A: Students will continue extending their understanding of proportional relationships as we represent them with tables, equations, and graphs and make connections with slope. Then, students will see how proportional relationships fit into the larger family of linear relationships. 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.

Health- We will be learning about our hearing and what things we can do to protect it.

Math: Students will work on finding patterns in ratio tables and will use these tables to solve real-life ratio problems. 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 be preparing for our 2 minute speeches. I will assign them a partner and they will give a speech on their friend.

Social Studies: Welcome back! I hope everyone had a nice break. Our first week back your students will be exploring the famous pharaohs of Ancient Egypt. While continuing to explore the answers to: **What should governments do?** and **What are the consequences of technology?**

****This trimester will have a larger focus on researching using databases and academic citations.** *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.* Make sure you have earbuds or headphones that stay at school.**

Study Lab: Students will be monitoring their SMART goal progress. As STAR Testing returns, we will be focusing on test taking strategies.

Spanish:

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

Math B: Students will be wrapping up their study of expressions and equations as we apply our understanding to rearrange formulas and to introduce linear equations with two variables.

Language Arts:

We will begin discussing the theme of greed and what it can do to people while reading *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. Multiple articles will be incorporated along with journal writing.

Religion: Happy New Year!! We will begin talking about the Epiphany and the significance of Jesus as a gift to humanity. We will then move into a unit on the Acts of the Apostles, focusing specifically on Pentecost, Saint Peter, and Saint Paul.

Social Studies: Welcome back! I am excited to return to Imperial China. The goal is to answer: **What should governments do?** and **What are the consequences of technology?** Your child will be learning about different inventions in Imperial China and exploring whether or not nations should have open or closed door trading policies. ****This trimester will have a large focus on note taking and active reading! *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.* Make sure you have earbuds or headphones that stay at school.**

Spanish:

- Quiz about calendar. Days of the week, months and numbers 1-31
- Continuing with Christmas traditions

Math B: Students will be wrapping up the Systems of Equations and Inequalities unit this week with application problems.

Language Arts:

We will be reading a long article on homelessness and tent-cities in the U.S. They will create Cornell notes, a one-pager and finally, write a summary of the article. This will be due sometime next week.

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Study Lab- No class this week as we meet on Mondays.

Religion- Happy New Year! We will begin talking about the Epiphany and the significance of Jesus as a gift to humanity. At the end of the week, we will return to learning about Church history and focus on the Middle Ages, the Crusades, and the Inquisition.

Social Studies: Happy 2018! Two big ideas this week (1) American Revolution events and (2) putting together a

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mini-project on Recipe for a Revolution (due Thursday January 11) to answer **Was the American Revolution justified?**.

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