

Somewhere in the Middle January 8th, 2018



We Honor Dr. King
on Monday, January
15th.

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.

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

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 1-10 2:10 dismissal
- 1-12 7th grade hosts school mass
- 1-15 MLK day, No School
- 1-17 2:10 dismissal
- 1-19 6th grade hosts school mass
- 1-30 MS science fair, 8:30 to 10:15
- 1-31 2:10 dismissal
- 2-1 Spelling Bee, 1:30
Evening Open House, 5-7
- 2-2 No School, Faith Formation Inservice

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

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Science- We will be learning about bridges and how their structures are designed and tested to ensure safe functioning.

Quiz over vocabulary for bridges, Explore pages 1&2 will be Wednesday.

Results due date for science fair projects is Wednesday.

Religion- Our focus this week will be on preparing for mass next Friday, Jan. 19th. We hope you can join us!

7TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News

- Many students do not have working earbuds. Please make sure they do as we still have 5 months of school left.-Mrs. Ballou

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Math A: Students will continue

8TH GRADE NEWS

Classroom News:

You have one week left to get your applications completed and submitted. Mrs. Velazquez and myself have until Feb. 2nd to get the recommendations completed!

Math A: We are extending our study of lines from proportional to non-proportional lines. Students will start interpreting key features of lines (slope & y-intercept) and will work on calculating slope using the formula as well as differentiating between proportional and non-proportional linear relationships. Students will be accessing their online textbook at:
<https://im.openupresources.org/8/students/index.html>
They will find a glossary,

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Math: Students will work on applying their tools for problems solving with ratios and will learn one more: the tape diagram. Then, we will begin reviewing for their unit test next Wednesday. 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 preparing for our 2 minute speeches. I will assign them a partner and they will give a speech on their friend(Monday & Tuesday).
2. Unit 5 Spelling this week. Test next Monday.

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.*
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learning about circles as we apply our understanding of circumference, radius, diameter, and pi to solve problems. Then, students will derive the formula for the area of the circle and will work on applying that formula to solve problems. 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: contd...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 notetake and active reading! *Please ask your children about their learning and share your thoughts.*
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Math B: This week, we are reviewing for our unit test this Wednesday. Then, we will review our exponent & polynomial understanding and start factoring.

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

Spanish:

- Quiz about colors and numbers 1-31
- Reviewing personal pronouns.
- Keep working in calendar which includes asking all kind of questions.
- Adjectives: shapes, size, texture etc

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Spanish:

- No Quiz this week. It will be next Tuesday Jan, 16th.
- Reviewing pronouns plus "ser" verb.
- Adjectives: colors, shapes, mood, etc.
- Homework about calendar due Ja. 8th.

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

****This trimester we will be focusing on debates and beginning to practice Congressional Hearing simulations.** *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 some adjectives: colors, forms and size.
- Review verbs "ser" and "estar"
- Learning more adjectives: how does it sound, how does it look, texture, quantity, mood.
- Homework about resolutions due January 9th.

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