



We will **not** be celebrating Valentine's Day next week since it is on Ash Wednesday. Instead, we will have a Fat Tuesday party on Feb. 13th at 1:30.

7th Grade hosting a Kindergarten Buddy Chinese New Years Celebration Thursday Feb. 15!

## Somewhere in the Middle February 12th, 2018

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](mailto:servicehours@ctk.pvt.k12.or.us)

### CALENDAR REMINDERS

- 2/13 Fat Tuesday Party, All mid sch.
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday Mass, 9am
- 2/15 Chinese New Year 8:30
- 2/16 No School Mass
- 2/19 No School- Presidents Day
- 2/20 No School - Teacher Inservice
- 2/21 NET Retreat 7th/8th
- 2/22 7/ & 8 grades see Annie @ St, Mary's Academy

#### **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-** Since Valentine's day falls on Ash Wednesday, we will not be having a party on Wednesday. Instead, we are having a Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday party Feb. 13

**If you wish to bring valentines:**

1. You **must** bring one for everyone in your class.
2. You may only hand them out on Tuesday, **not Wednesday.**

**Science-** We will begin a new unit this week that will focus on environmental issues.

**Religion-** We will be taking a closer look at special things we do during lent that we don't do during other times of

### 7TH GRADE NEWS

#### **Classroom News**

This year, instead of a Valentine's Day party, we are having a Middle School Mardi Gras party. If your child would still like to share Valentines, they need to make enough to share with the ENTIRE class and we will be passing them out on Tuesday 2/13.

**Science-** We will begin a new unit studying the systems of the body- this 2 weeks- the nervous system.

**Study Lab-** Students will be learning self-advocacy skills again this week.

**Health-** Students will be learning about different things in the environment that can affect their health

**Math A:** We will continue to work on building fraction and decimal fluency as we solve rate and proportion

### 8TH GRADE NEWS

#### **Classroom News:**

We will NOT be having a Valentine's party on the 14th. Please bring in your child's valentine's **FOR EACH CHILD** on the 13th. At CTK, we require each student to bring in a card/gift for each peer as to not leave anyone out. Thanks!

**Math A:** This week, students are reviewing for their unit test this Wednesday, then we will start our new unit: Linear Equations & Linear Systems. Students will start by solving number puzzles and by reasoning about how to keep equations balanced. Students will be accessing their online textbook at: <https://im.openupresources.org>

the liturgical calendar. Why do we fast and not eat meat on Fridays and .....?

**Health-** Students will be learning about different things in the environment that can affect their health.

**Math:** Students have a rate quiz on Wednesday. This week, we will be applying our ratio and rate knowledge to solve percent 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:**

Their final draft of their SS/ELA paper is due Monday(Today). Last week, I individually went over their papers with them. We will resume their Punctuation unit this week and prepare for a major test on Capitalization and Punctuation the following week.

**Social Studies:** The focus for this week is the 2018 Winter Olympics!! \*\*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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**Study Lab:** Students will be monitoring their SMART goal progress and creating new ones. We are beginning to learn ways to self-advocate.

problems involving rational numbers. Then, we will apply our proportional reasoning skills to solve percent 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:** Students have a circle quiz on Wednesday. This week, students will be exploring angles and special angle relationships as well as applying their equation solving skills to find missing angle measures.

**Language Arts**

We will look into capitalization and punctuation rules. This will continue for the next 2-3 weeks. Our time will be split between capitalization rules and looking at the author's purpose while incorporating black history month while reading about Ruby Bridges.

**Religion:** We are beginning a mini-unit on Lent that will cover the origin and history of Lent, the meaning of Ash Wednesday, the meaning behind the number 40, the three pillars of lent, reconciliation, and the Stations of the Cross.

**Social Studies:** THURSDAY Chinese New Year Celebration!!! This week the focus will be on the 2018 Winter Olympics. \*\*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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**Chinese New Years Celebration with Kindergarten Buddies: Thursday Feb. 15!!! I'm looking for parent volunteers!!**

**E-mail me if you are interested at [odellm@ctk.pvt.k12.or.us](mailto:odellm@ctk.pvt.k12.or.us)**

[g/8/students/index.html](https://im.openupresources.org/8/students/index.html)

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**Math B:** This week, we will summarize our learning on the many types of factoring and will continue working on building fluency in factoring completely with all methods. Students will have a quiz on Thursday, and then we will learn how factoring helps us solve quadratic equations.

**Language Arts:**

We are reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. I know the students will love the novel and all the activities that go along with it. Along with reading and comprehending, they will complete an end of the unit project and watch the movie!

**Study Lab-** Students will be learning self-advocacy skills again this week.

**Science-** We will begin a new unit this week studying chemical reactions.

**Health-** Students will be learning about different things in the environment that can affect their health.

**Religion-** The students Illuminated Scripture project is due on Tuesday. We will have the ACRE assessment on Tuesday- this assessment informs our instruction at CTK and does not impact the student's grades. We will begin a Lenten unit on Thursday that will focus on the parts of

### Spanish:

- No quiz this week.
- Keep working with seasons and weather.

Students should be spending 15-20 minutes every day reviewing the material. I have created studies sets in quizlet which they can practice at home. Just a reminder there are no retakes in Spanish.

### Spanish:

- Quiz this week (numbers 30-100)
- Continue working with our DOCTOR verbo ser and using professions and start telling time.

Starting last week students must log in quizlet and review the set for that week. They have to do **flashcards, spelling and one more activity** of their choice. Each activity is 10 points so total each week they can earn 30 additional points. I have decided to start doing this to encourage them to study their vocabulary and be ready for quizzes and for the test. Last week the set was about numbers. Just a reminder there are no retakes in Spanish.

Lord's prayer and how we can practice that in our own lives.

**Social Studies:** This week we will be following the 2018 Winter Olympics and continue preparations for our first Congressional Hearing. **\*\*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.*

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- No quiz this week.
- We will be starting to work with conjugation of different verbs.
- Students will present orally their Biopoems
- We will be working with famous comics from Argentina. "Mafalda and her friends"
- We will be using tongue twisters.

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