

Middle School Matters  
 Week of November 9, 2009  
 (We hope to be online next week - this is what it will look like)

What's Coming Up in Middle School

- Please let us know ASAP if you know of a Veteran who will be joining us Tuesday
- 5th Grade Wreath Sales are here - be sure to add one to your holiday decor!
- Brad Henning presents his very well received talk “Don't Take Love Lying Down” on Wednesday, Nov 18th
- Noon dismissal next Friday
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to St. James Cathedral and Frye Art Museum November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please return permission slips as soon as possible.

8th Grade

Subject	Assignment
RELIGION	Reconciliation/Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Orders/Matrimony posters: Faith First Ch 8 & 9
LANGUAGE ARTS VOCABULARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some of you asked about grammar websites at conferences. Try Googling “Glencoe Writer's Choice Grammar and Composition” and follow the links to grammar practice. I could only access the website from one of the stand-alone computers, but it's worth a try.</li> <li>• Grammar Ch 11 on Pronouns</li> <li>• “I Am” poem due Monday</li> <li>• Vocabulary Ch 6 - test on Thursday</li> </ul>
U.S. HISTORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biography Project begins</li> <li>• Reading Chapter 7</li> </ul>
MATH	Section 4-3 multiplying monomials and section 4-4 powers of monomials. Quiz over 4-3 and 4-4 on Friday.
SPECIALIST	Computers: All groups are currently working on their movie production.
SCIENCE (See Notes Below)	We will be finishing the Variable Mass lab then starting Investigation #6: “Mapping The Moon”.
SPANISH P.E. C.R.E.W.	Students are working on the irregular verbs Poner & Salir.

7th Grade

Subject	Assignment
RELIGION	Students are working in groups writing and preparing skits on the miracles of Jesus. The prayer An Act of Spiritual Communion memorized for Friday test.

MATH	Changing fractions to decimals and decimals to fractions Comparing fractions Repeating decimals Quiz on Friday
HISTORY	Chapter 7 The Geography of the Arabian Peninsula
LANGUAGE ARTS VOCABULARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some of you asked about grammar websites at conferences. Try Googling “Glencoe Writer's Choice Grammar and Composition” and follow the links to grammar practice. I could only access the website from one of the stand-alone computers, but it's worth a try.</li> <li>• Vocabulary Ch 6 - test on Friday</li> <li>• Grammar Chapter 11</li> </ul>
SPECIALIST	Art: Students are working on cut paper projects with a Picasso-style influence.
SPECIALIST	Computers: All groups are currently working on their movie production.
SPANISH  P.E.	Students will be taking their second quiz on verbs ending in “Ar”. There will be a new set of verbs assigned to memorize.
SCIENCE (See Notes Below)	The class will be finishing the Variable Speed lab then begin working on the Variable Mass lab.

6th Grade

Subject	Assignment
RELIGION	Chapter 4: The Mystery of God Chapter 5: Jesus Christ, The Son of God Memorare due November 19th
SCIENCE	Investigation 4: Pulleys at Work
MATH	Estimating quotients using compatible numbers Dividing whole numbers using short and long division
SPANISH P.E.	Students will be learning two new irregular verbs, Ir & Tener. The P.E. Class is in a basketball unit.
SPECIALIST	Art: Students are working on cut paper projects with a Picasso-style influence. Computers: All groups are currently working on their movie production.
LANGUAGE ARTS VOCABULARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocab.: Unit 6 test Monday. Review units 4-6 due Friday</li> <li>• Grammar: Chapter 10 Verbs</li> <li>• Writing: Autobiography with an emphasis on descriptive writing</li> </ul>
HISTORY	Mechanical Diormamas on the Four Empires of Ancient Mesopotamia (Chapter 6)

**\*NOTES FOR SCIENCE:**

A majority of the work in Science uses the FOSS kits and is done in class. Very little is done at home as homework. When a student is absent it is his or her responsibility to get any lab or journal notes, handouts, etc. from a classmate. In the event of a school closure, for each missed school day students should access a web site related to our topic that week and write a line of learning about the material they read and viewed (What did you learn? What do you wish you would have learned? What do you still have questions about?). The following are links that may be used, but feel free to search the web for other interesting sites.

NASA

<http://www.nasa.gov/>

JET PROPULSION LABORATORY CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/>

SOLAR SYSTEM SIMULATOR

<http://space.jpl.nasa.gov/>

Click Here for [Boy's Basketball Schedule](#)