

Middle School Matters  
Week of April 26, 2010

What's Coming Up in Middle School

- Picture Day is next Tuesday
- ITBS testing finished with one more test next Wednesday

8th Grade

Subject	Assignment
RELIGION	Remaining Little Kids Bible stories (ready or not) are due April 30th Work on "Family Banners"
LANGUAGE ARTS VOCABULARY	Little Kids Bible stories count for Language Arts this week
U.S. HISTORY	"We the People" U.S. Constitution Unit - next three weeks; many nightly assignments
MATH	Graph lines using the slope-intercept form of a linear equation. Write an equation of a line given the slope and one point on the line, or given two points on the line. Quiz (8-1) – (8-5) on Friday
SPECIALIST	Art: Work continues on the "Artist in Action" project this week. Computers: Movie groups are established, and students will begin writing their scripts.
SCIENCE (See Notes Below)	We have finished our investigation of Acceleration and are now studying Force. Element quiz #21 will be taken Wednesday the 28 <sup>th</sup> . The elements are: #101 Mendelevium Md, #102 Nobelium No, #103 Lawrencium Lr, #104 Rutherfordium Rf, and #105 Dubnium Db.
SPANISH P.E. C.R.E.W.	Cultural Projects – Spanish Saints Skills review

7th Grade

Subject	Assignment
RELIGION	Make stained-glass windows. Sorrowful Mysteries test on Friday
MATH	Solve percent problems using decimals and proportions. Find the discount and sale price. Percent test on Friday
HISTORY	Lewis & Clark Simulation continues. Begin work on Chapter 7
LANGUAGE ARTS	Begin Term Paper - Bibliography and Note cards due next Monday

VOCABULARY	Daily mini-lessons/ writer's workshop format
SPECIALIST	Art: Work continues on the “Artist in Action” project this week. Computers: Movie groups are established, and students will begin writing their scripts.
SPANISH P.E.	Cultural Projects - Inca, Aztec, Maya Skills review
SCIENCE (See Notes Below)	We have finished our investigation of Acceleration and are now studying Force.

6th Grade

Subject	Assignment
RELIGION	Students play a “Bible Race” game to test their bible skills. Base Groups on Thursday. Study of Sacraments of Initiation
SCIENCE	Condensations and Dew- Point lab.
MATH	Identify linear pairs, complimentary angles, supplementary angles, adjacent angles, and angles formed when parallel lines are intersected by a line. Quiz on sections 10-1 to 10-4 on Friday.
SPANISH P.E.	Cultural Projects - Spanish Countries Skills review
SPECIALIST	Art: Work continues on the “Artist in Action” project this week. Computers: Movie groups are established, and students will begin writing their scripts.
LANGUAGE ARTS VOCABULARY	Grammar: Chapter 17 diagramming continues. Research: Rough drafts due Friday <b>Final Project due: May 10th</b>
HISTORY	Metope presentations on Athens and Sparta. Test on Chapter 27 on Thursday

\*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/>