

## Middle School Newsletter

September 17, 2020

Registration for Messiah's annual golf tournament is open! To register go to the **Support MLS** tab on our website and click **Golf Tournament**. The event will take place on Monday, October 25th at Old Hickory golf club. If you have questions, or would like information about becoming a sponsor, please reach out to Mrs. Van Hook ([cvanhook@mlslions.org](mailto:cvanhook@mlslions.org)).

### 6th Grade

#### Math

We will be working with fractions and measurement next week. We will have our next Test on Friday, September 24th.

#### Science

We have been learning about the characteristics of minerals. We started growing some salt and sugar crystals in the classroom too! Next week we will start exploring our boxes of minerals, testing their properties and learning to identify specific popular minerals such as pyrite and quartz.

#### Social Studies

The sixth graders will be learning about Ancient Egypt next week. .

#### Reading

We are enjoying listening to the book project presentations and some have started making a list of books they want to read. Sixth graders need to have an adventure book approved by Wednesday for our next book project. We will continue reading [Where the Red Fern Grows](#) in class.

#### Writing

Sixth graders are saying RIP to dead, overused verbs like get, put, and make. We will continue working on replacing dead verbs in our writing next week.

#### Grammar/Vocab

In grammar the 6th graders will be learning about nouns next week. .

The 6th graders will continue with lesson 2 next week.

#### Religion

Next week we will begin talking about the New Testament using [The Story](#).

### 7th Grade

#### Math

We will draw and measure angles next week. We will have our next Test on Friday, September 24th.

#### Science

We took our test over Living Things today! Next week we will begin learning about cells and their organelles (all the parts inside of a cell).

#### Social Studies

The 7th Graders are learning about the 13 colonies next week.

#### Reading

We will be finishing the book *Flipped* for Tuesday. A test will be given on Thursday over the book. Students should review their prompts as well as the two worksheets that should be in their accordion folder.

#### Writing

The VOICE posters are due on Monday. This is done on the Google Slide presentation in Writing Classroom.

Next week we will start writing an essay about a nickname/label/role we've had.

#### Grammar/Vocab

The Chapter One Grammar Test should be in your child's Friday Folder. Next week we will start a unit on Nouns

A Vocab test over Lesson Two will be given on Tuesday.

#### Religion

The 7th graders will be using [The Story](#) as we work our way through the Old Testament during this school year.

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## 8th Grade

### Math

We will have our second quiz on solving equations on Friday, September 24th.

### Science

We are still learning about physical and chemical properties of matter. We did a lab this week to explore the Law of Conservation of Matter, something we learned about in 6th grade, but are studying in more detail this year.

### Social Studies

The eighth graders will have a test over the Legislative Branch on Tuesday and a test on the Executive Branch on Thursday or Friday.

### Reading

We pushed our test back to today (Friday). We will watch the movie on Monday. Eighth graders are working on creating a book trailer using Adobe Spark. These are due Wednesday. We will watch the completed trailers and have a celebration. Eighth graders also need to select a historical fiction book for the next Book Club genre.

### Writing

We finished our unit on Email Etiquette. Next week we will begin a unit on plagiarism.

### Grammar/Vocab

We played a fun dice game to practice our vocab words yesterday. If you really want to be impressed, ask your child to recite the 'witty poem' he/she wrote. OK, maybe impressed is too strong of a word. Maybe try 'eye-roll'??

### Religion

We spent time reading Psalm 139 and watching the Skit Guys presentation.

## Quad Notes

It would be very helpful if your child has a pencil pouch to use to carry pens, pencils, sticky notes, etc to each class. We apologize that this item was inadvertently left off the supply list.

Is it really a pencil pouch if it carries pens, sticky notes, and whatever etc's are?