



## Middle School

February 15, 2024

- Registration for Messiah's Annual Auction ends Friday, February 16th. Buy your tickets [here](#).
- No School Friday, February 16th.
- No School Monday, February 19th.
- Our chapel offerings for February and March will go to Hearts and Hope for Uganda.
- Save the Date: VIP Day March 8th & Early Dismissal

### 6th Grade

#### Math

The 6th graders are currently working through unit 5. This week's focus was on commutative, associative, and distributive properties.

#### Science

Sixth grade started a new unit on Earth Systems that will focus on weathering and erosion. We looked at the Grand Canyon and gravestones. We will continue with this next week and have a quiz on Friday.

#### History

The sixth graders are learning about Ancient China. They will be talking about the philosophies of Ancient China and the Qin and Han Empires next week.

#### Reading

The 6th graders continued reading *The Watsons Go To Birmingham - 1963* this week. We also practiced identifying the figurative language in the book. The February book genre is historical fiction. This book needs to be read by Tuesday, February 20.

### 7th Grade

#### Math

We will finish this section on graphing with a Quiz on Wednesday the 21st and then a complete test of linear equations on Friday, Feb 23rd.

#### Science

7th graders did well on their test on Tuesday. We spent the rest of the week preparing for the frog dissection next week.

#### History

The seventh-grade students are learning about Manifest Destiny. We are planning on having a test on Friday. The test will be part map and part essay.

#### Reading

We were not able to finish *A Wrinkle in Time* this week as originally planned. We will finish it up next week. There will not be a whole book test since the seventh graders were quizzed after each chapter. They will be writing an essay using text evidence to explain why the novel is dystopian. We will also watch the movie. Seventh graders should be working towards reading a book of their choice for WEB and selecting which project they will complete.

### 8th Grade

#### Algebra

We will have a quiz over monomials and exponents on Wednesday, Feb 21st.

#### Science

The eighth graders continued to familiarize themselves with the periodic table and properties of the elements. Next week they will have an open note quiz and then explore the different kinds of bonds.

#### History

This week the eighth graders will finish up their chapter on the Great Depression next week. Their scrapbook project will be due on Friday.

#### Reading

Eighth graders will finish reading *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. They will complete a plot diagram listing the rising action, climax, and resolution. This has been a work in progress while we have been reading as well as a character trait packet, and analyzing conflict depicted throughout the book. There will not be a whole book test since the eighth graders were quizzed after each chapter.



## 6th Grade

### Continued:

#### Writing

The 6th graders continued the research unit. This week, we worked on outlining an essay together. In grammar, we learned about personal, reflexive, and intensive pronouns.

#### Vocab

We will continue to work on List 6 next week.

#### Spanish

Middle schoolers started learning classroom vocab and will continue the lesson next week.

#### Religion

This week, we started the Friendly unit titled, "Watch My Words". This unit is based on Philippians 4:8 and Ephesians 4:29. Within this unit, our goal is to recognize the power of our words, so that we think before speaking. In religion this week, we discussed the 10 plagues. This week was also the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time to remember the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This year, instead of giving something up, we decided to add our day and read the Bible for 5 minutes after recess.

## 7th Grade

### Continued:

#### Writing

The seventh graders will finish up their essay using MLA style. They were given the topic "Why Puppies Chew?" and sources to help them write a five paragraph essay. They are required to provide three reasons supported by evidence from the sources provided; making sure to give credit to the author and cite sources correctly.

#### Vocab

We will continue working Lesson 7 by completing the workbook exercises.

#### Spanish

Middle school students will continue working on Lesson 4: Preguntando el nombre (Asking people's names).

#### Religion

We are extending our lesson about Saul's rejection as Israel's King (1 Samuel 13-15; 28) into next week. Seventh graders are creating a poster depicting how we can apply God's commandments to positive daily actions.

## 8th Grade

### Continued:

#### Writing

Eighth graders continue to do a great job on their argument essay. The next steps in our writing include citing our sources and creating a work cited page. We will also begin revising for transitions, hooks, and closings.

#### Vocab

The eighth graders will have a test over Lesson 7 on Thursday..

#### Spanish

Middle schoolers started learning classroom vocab and will continue the lesson next week.

#### Religion

This week in Religion we started discussing Exodus 7. God delivers his People - The Ten Plagues.

