

7TH GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

11/18/19 – 11/22/19

Key Weekly Objectives

Each week we will highlight key objectives covered in seventh grade during the week.

Literature:

To practice vocabulary, comprehension, interpretation, literary connection, artistic representation, close reading over the course of a fictional text through literature circle

Religion:

Math: To find the least common multiple; To write rational numbers as decimals
To write terminating and repeating decimals as fractions

Science: To identify some ways humans use the natural resource of water

Language Arts: I can add descriptive details to my characters and setting. I can spell possessive nouns correctly.

History: I can describe the characteristics that made Roman Emperors successful or terrible.

CLASS UPDATES

SUCCESES: Regretfully since I have been sick this week, my time with seventh grade has been brief. They seem excited about literature circles and worked well together in their first planning session. (See note on Literature Circles.)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: A time of day that the class really needs to work on is the morning homeroom time. It is not a time to be loud or socialize. It is a time to gather materials for the first switch and silently read until it is time to switch.

If you have any questions, the best way to reach me is by email.

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Lunch Duty: Please signup for lunch duty. Use the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084bacac28a2ff2-october>

Lancer Folders: Please make sure that you sign the back of the Lancer folder before you return it each Monday to verify that you have seen the graded work in the folder.

Gradelink: We encourage families to check gradelink regularly.

Literature Circle: This week we are starting literature circles.. The genre we are exploring for this session is dystopian literature. They will meet with their literature circle group on Tuesdays and Fridays. (Except for the last week before Christmas break when the last meeting will be on Thursday, December 19th) Every student is responsible for the assigned reading and his or her job assignment for each literature circle meeting group. **No late assignments** will be accepted for these assignments because they are letting their group down if they are not doing their part. The only exception to this is an absence, and then the assignment is due upon the student's return. Literature circles do NOT take the place of independent reading. Students still need to be reading an independent reading book during SSR, and each week's reader's notebook is based on the independent reading not the literature circle book.

First Trimester Community Service Requirement: The Pre-Approval form was due Tuesday, October 1, and the hours and the write up are due Tuesday, November 12, but they may be turned in early. The forms are available to download on the class website.

Book Club!

We had a great October book club. Our November/December book club selection is *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. **Make sure to get the young reader's version.** The author tells his own story of what it was like to grow up as a mixed race child in South Africa under Apartheid. We will meet December 2nd at the El-Aaidis' home. See the attached flyer for the address.

Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:

Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due on Thursday and every Thursday for the rest of the year. It must be on a Google doc and turned in to the Google classroom.

Knights of Columbus Extra Credit Poster – Due Monday, Nov. 18

MONDAY –

TUESDAY – P.E. –

WEDNESDAY – Mass -

THURSDAY – P.E./Electives –

FRIDAY – 1st Trimester Report Cards Go Home/Spirit Shirt Day

Thanksgiving Break: 11/25-11/29

Have a great weekend! - Miss Lee