

7TH GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

11/20/17 – 11/24/17

Key Weekly Objectives



Here we will highlight key objectives that we are targeting in seventh grade during the week.

ELA: *Overall objective for Literature Circles: To analyze literature and engage students in meaningful discussions about literature citing text evidence.

Objective: To identify tenses of verbs as past, present, or future and write verbs in present, past, and future tenses.

7th Science

To develop hypotheses about whether traits controlled by dominant alleles are more common than traits controlled by recessive alleles; interpret data about certain traits controlled by dominant and recessive alleles in humans

CLASS UPDATES

SUCSESSES: As it is nearing the end of the trimester, the students updated their genre and reading lists in their reader's notebooks to get credit for their independent reading this trimester. All twenty-seven students had at least three books completed on their genre lists; so all students are on track to complete all nine genres by the end of the year. Most students had between ten and twenty books on their books read list. This means many will fulfill the forty books challenge. Great job! Keep reading!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: It may seem like a simple thing but quite a few students are turning in work with out their name on the work. This is a bad habit.

SLE: Our School wide Learning Expectation (SLE) for November is Neighbors. We discussed how we could be good neighbors here at school and in our community.

Service Opportunity- Toys Needed: Sister Kathleen says that the parish needs toys for Santa's Workshop. You can receive an hour of community service for going through old toys and bringing in a bag of nicely used toys.

Service Opportunity for Parents & Students: Sister needs parents to volunteer to help and supervise at Santa's Workshop on December 3rd & 4th. See the flyer in the weekly E-baggie for more details. This can count for parent hours and student community service hours for the second trimester.

Giving Tree: In the Lancer folder today you will find an envelop for a donation for the giving tree. The middle school teachers and chosen class representatives will shop for the gifts and the class will wrap the gifts. Thank you for helping families during this Christmas season.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Thank you for contributing to the canned food drive to help less fortunate families in our area.

Coaches Needed: Coaches are need for middle school girls' soccer and boys' basketball. If you are interested in coaching please email Nathan Solano at nathan.solano@gmail.com

Speakers Wanted: Mrs. Simolon is looking for guest speakers to come in and speak to the girls and boys in their separate groups and as a whole middle school. If you know of anyone who would be a good speaker, please contact Mrs. Simolon.

Literature Circles: This week we started literature circles. We have five literature circle book groups. The genre we are exploring for this session is dystopian literature. They will meet with their literature circle group on Mondays and Thursdays. 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.

Reading Day: Our special extended reading day will be Monday, November 27th. Be making a plan for what books you want to be reading that day. Often students start and finish a book during this extended reading time.

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest: The Knights of Columbus is having a Christmas Poster Contest. I will accept this as a **religion extra credit assignment**. The deadline for turning the poster in is December 1st. To receive extra credit for the first trimester, the poster must be turned in by Monday, November 27. See the attached pdf for the rules and contest entry form.

Community Service – The first trimester community service is due Monday, November 20th; that means completing the five hours and the write up. It can be turned in any time before that. The form can be down loaded from the class website.

Enrichment Opportunity: Fr. Greg Boyle will be coming to SBCC's Garvin Theater on December 5, from 5:00-7:00. Fr. Greg is the founder of Homeboy Industries and the author of *Tattoos on the Heart*. As a part of religion and literature in seventh grade we looked at the work that Homeboy Industries does in the area of social justice. All are encourage to attend this talk.

Book Club!

We had a great start to our middle school book club last month. Our book for November/December book is *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. This action-packed book has become something of a middle school dystopian classic and cultural phenomenon since its release in 2008. Students have been reading it this year in all of our middle school classes. There is a **date change**, since the parish's Santa's Workshop was on the same day. Book club will be at the Simolons' house on **Monday November 27 from 7:00-8:00**. See the attached flyer for the address.

Please contact Miss Lee or Miss Kim if your family would be interested in hosting a book club meeting this year.

Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:

- Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due on **Thursday** and **every Thursday** after that.
- Science – Sec. 1 & 2 Quiz on Monday

MONDAY –

TUESDAY – Thanksgiving Prayer Service at 11:45, 12:20 Dismissal

WEDNESDAY – No School

THURSDAY – Thanksgiving

FRIDAY – No School

Have a great weekend!