

7TH GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

12/2/19 – 12/6/19

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: To understand how the four different gospels present a different yet consistent biography of Jesus Christ and his mission by examining each original audience and purpose behind each gospel narrative.

Math: To identify appropriate customary units; to convert customary units

Science: To explain how the availability of natural resources affects human population growth

Language Arts: I can self and peer review by comparing my writing to a rubric, and revise as needed.

History: I can analyze and synthesize several documents in order to draw conclusions about the death of historical Jesus.

CLASS UPDATES

SUCCESES: The students produced some very good literature circle job assignments. The students focused and took notes on the four gospels lecture in preparation for their test after break.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: It is fun to have review games for vocabulary but we can't do it if the students don't take it seriously or if they get too loud. Similarly students are expected to talk during literature circle meeting sessions but there should never be yelling and more than one student must not speak at a time. There are no side conversations during literature circles.

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.

7th Grade Family Mass: The seventh grade is responsible for the School Family Mass on December 8th. I will be assigning all the parts over Thanksgiving Break. Please email me and let me if a prior obligation prevents your child from attending.

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.

GIVING TREE Again this year we are sponsoring three children for Christmas from the parish giving tree. Please consider giving if you are able. We will accept donations from now until Friday, December 6th. Miss Kim, Miss Lee, and Mrs. Jackson and class representatives will purchase the gifts, and the classes will wrap them together. Thank you for participating in this service project that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas.

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 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 – Video Entry - Due 12/4

4 Gospel Test – 12/4

MONDAY –

TUESDAY – P.E. –

WEDNESDAY – Mass -

THURSDAY – P.E./Electives –

FRIDAY –

Have a great weekend! - Miss Lee