

7TH GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

4/16/18 – 4/20/18

Key Weekly Objectives



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

Religion: To examine the Easter themes of resurrection and new hope.

ELA & Religion: To go read through and discuss the Easter resurrection accounts in the 4 gospels and take notes to create a journal entry from the perspective of Mary, Peter, or John for the resurrection.

ELA Grammar: To identify prepositions, prepositional phrases and objects of the preposition

Social Studies: To list the characteristics seed plants share; name the parts of the seed; describe the functions of leaves, stems, and roots

To observe and understand the structures and functions of parts of a flower

Science: To describe the reunification of China under the Tang and Song Dynasties and reasons for the spread of Buddhism; describe the development of the imperial state and scholar-official class; and analyze the influences of Confucianism

7A math: To find the slope of a line using slope-intercept form and use this form in graphing a linear equation

CLASS UPDATES

SUCSESSES. The students wrote beautiful heartfelt Easter Journals as Peter, John, or Mary. The high light of the week was definitely when volunteers shared their journals with the class. They really connect with the experiences of the apostles and Mary from the Biblical narratives and made their journals powerful and faith-filled. I was also impressed with the specific and thoughtful feedback the students gave to their classmates about their writing. I encourage you to ask the students to share them with you. This would be a wonderful way for families to celebrate the Easter season together.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: When we are having a class discussion, for example in religion during our Sunday readings study, it is important to be listening to the whole group discussion not shouting out random things or starting side conversations. Everyone needs to actively engage in the whole group discussion.

AMGEN Assembly: On Wednesday we will have a special assembly from AMGEN in preparation for this year's AMGEN Tour. It will be from 1:00-1:45 in the hall.

LITERATURE CIRCLES: This week we started literature circles. The genre we are exploring for this session is historical literature. All four groups will be reading *Leonardo's Shadow* by Christopher Grey. 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.

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.

Mother-Son Game Night - Friday May 11th

Moms: Mark your calendar, more details to come.

Dads: Mark your calendar to help run the games or serve food. Helping with this event will allow you to share in the proceeds of the event to reduce your Outdoor School (CIMI) fees.

Look for a sign-up genius link coming soon, or contact Brian Simolon (bsimolon@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping. – See attached flyer

Book Club!

Our April book club will be on April 30th at 7:00 PM at the home of the Bells. The book is *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman. It is a Printz Honor book and is a gripping story that grapples with issues about life and death and moral choices. It's the kind of book you can't put down. See the attached flyer for details.

Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:

- Reader's Notebook - The Reader's Notebook Response is due **every Thursday**.
- Literature Circle Reading & job #1 – Due Monday, Job #2 due Thursday
- 4 Gospels Test Thursday

MONDAY –

TUESDAY – P.E.

WEDNESDAY – Mass

THURSDAY – P.E.

FRIDAY – Spirit Shirt Day

Have a great weekend!