

7TH GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

9/3/19 – 9/6/19

Key Weekly Objectives

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

Literature

Independent Reading Objective: To strengthen reading comprehension skills and increase stamina, students will read independently daily and record their progress and dialogue weekly with their teacher through their reader's notebook.

Vocabulary: To expand one's vocabulary by learning to use new and challenging grade-level vocabulary.

Religion: To review the parts of the mass and the mass responses to more fully participate in the liturgy.

Math: To use the order of operations and to use grouping symbols

To graph and order integers; to find opposites and absolute values

To use models to add integers; to use rules to add integers

Science: To begin to examine ecosystems from a macro perspective: based on plate motions, what geographic features are present in different ecosystems?

CLASS UPDATES

SUCSESSES: We had some great fun this week with our first vocabulary lesson. We played bingo and it seemed many of the students have been studying because they knew the words.

On Wednesday we had our first school mass. The seventh grade sits with the first grade. Mrs. Holtgrewe complimented the seventh graders on how well they did with their first grade buddies in mass as they helped them focus and worship reverently.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: We need to work on transitions from one class to the next. We have these long subject blocks this year so they need to remember to take what they need for each class so they don't have to go back and interrupt a class that is already in session.

We are off to a great start this year. I look forward to working with all of our middle school families this year. If you have any questions, the best way to reach me is by email. marybethl@mountcarmelschool.net

Mass on the Grass and BBQ: September 7th 4:30-7:00 PM

Middle School Sports: Coaches needed! If you would like to coach a middle school team this year, volunteer by contacting Mrs. Solano.

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.

STAR Testing: We will have our first round of STAR testing next Wednesday and Thursday. We will test in the morning so please do not schedule any dentist or doctor appointments during this time. Please make sure the students go to bed early to get a good night's sleep and make sure they eat a good breakfast that morning.

P.E.: The 7th grade will have P.E. every Tuesday & Thursday.

Gradelink: We encourage families to check gradelink regularly. In middle school, we also suggest giving the students the family login so they can check their progress. At their age this could really help them be responsible and keep focused on their academic goals.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT I encourage students to take advantage early in the trimester to volunteer at either of the two fantastic community service projects happening this month, the United Way's Day of Caring on Saturday, September 14th and Coastal Cleanup Day on September 21st. Students can download the service form from our class website. Following are the links: <https://www.unitedwaysb.org/dayofcaring-cleanup-day/> <https://exploreecology.org/coastal-cleanup-day/>

Book Club!

It is a new school year and Book Club is starting up again! The next Book Club will be held Monday, September 30th at Aidan Nabor's home. The book we will be discussing is *Renegades* by Marissa Meyer. This is an interesting twist on the superhero genre. Who are the true heroes and who are the villains? Read to find out. For a synopsis, go to Goodreads.com 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.

MONDAY – No School – Labor Day

TUESDAY – P.E.,

WEDNESDAY – School Mass @ 9:00 AM

THURSDAY – P.E.

FRIDAY –

Have a great weekend! - Miss Lee