

CLASS NEWSLETTER

Middle School | Miss de la Torre

What We Learned

ELA

6-8 Grades have been reviewing and practicing different parts of speech as well as continuing the spiral review with Simple Solutions. We will be beginning another novel study this month. Within these novel studies, students are given a project that is to be completed and updated daily as we read through our books together. These projects usually include grammar practice as well as reading comprehension. Failure to complete all parts of the novel study project will result in lowered grades.

Science

We are beginning Topic 3: Human Impacts on the Environment. Students will investigate Population Growth and Resource Consumption, Air Pollution, Impacts on Land, and Water Pollution throughout the Topic.

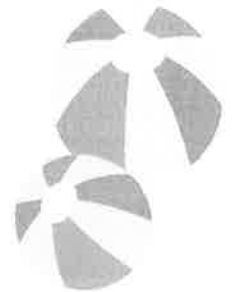
Social Studies

We are studying Topic 7: Society and Culture Before the Civil War. Throughout the Topic we will learn and discuss the Industrial Revolution, the economy of the South at the time, abolitionists and their efforts to end slavery, and how the lifestyle of the time affected American culture and lead to the Civil War.

Reminders

Please make sure your child is keeping up with their homework **as well as reading for AR**. If you would like to monitor this closer, please feel free to check their planners daily.

8th Grade Parents!! As we enter the last semester of the year, preparation for 8th Grade graduation is underway. If you haven't, please begin to collect pictures from your child's life for their End-of-the-Year slideshow that will be presented at graduation. I will be sending the students any pictures I have from school trips or activities to include if they choose.



Upcoming Events

- 3/28- Noon Dismissal



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Religion

We have begun Unit 3: How is Jesus Alive in the Church Today? Our focus for this Unit is on the Seven Sacraments as well as how and why we celebrate them.

Math

6th graders have begun Unit 4 Geometry. Our first chapters focus on areas of parallelograms, triangles, trapezoids and understanding which formulas are needed in our calculations.

7th Grade is starting on the last chapter of their workbook. This chapter focuses on statistics. They will be testing over this chapter on March 27th.

8th Grade has now completed both of their workbooks. They will be receiving Algebra I books next week. We will not follow this book chapter by chapter and instead focus on specific chapters to best prepare them for their freshman year of math.

General Information

Students should be mindful of how they spend their class time. The teachers and I try to give as much time to work on homework in class as possible. If your child is coming home with overwhelming amounts of homework, it is most likely because they are not using their time wisely. Please let myself or the other teachers know if this becomes an ongoing issue so we can work together to solve the problem. **I will be offering Homework Seminar after school until 4pm on Mondays and Wednesdays starting the week of Nov. 4th.**