# **CLASS NEWSLETTER**

Middle School Miss de la Torre

## What We Learned

#### **ELA**

6th Grade is halfway through The Westing Game. Assignments are to be completed on a Google Slide. 7th&8th Grades have begun And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie. The students have an assignment and a quiz for each chapter assigned through Google Classroom.

### Science

We have completed our first Topic Test and have begun Topic 2: Distribution of Natural Resources. The students need to make sure they are keeping up with the workbook activities for full points.

### **Social Studies**

We have finished our Lesson on the Oregon Trail and took a few days of class time to do a whole group activity to see if we could survive the Oregon Trail. After Thanksgiving Break we will continue with Lessons 6 & 7. We will finish Topic 6 and have a test before Holiday Break.

# 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.

Holiday parties are quickly approaching. We have a few ideas for some games and I would ask each of you to donate a small item for our Saran Wrap game. Something small like a toy or gift card would be perfect. If you have any other fun ideas for holiday party, please let me know!

# **Upcoming Events**

- 11/27-29: No School-Thanksgiving Break
- 12/6: Winter Dance



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# Religion

We have completed Unit 1 and have begun Unit 2 this week beginning with Chapter 7: The Promise of Salvation. We will learn that God promised salvation through his Son, Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Chapter Assessments are completed after every chapter (typically every week). We will move on to Chapter 8 after Thanksgiving Break.

## Math

6th grade will test over Integers and the Coordinate Plane on Dec. 2nd. We will start our unit on Expressions, beginning with understanding powers and exponents.

Both 7th & 8th grades finished their first math book and started their second book this week. We're on track for 7th grade to start on the 8th grade math book by March and for 8th grade to start in 9th grade algebra by March. The first test for both will be in two weeks.

All grades should prioritize learning and becoming proficient in their math facts in order to make their daily homework easier.

## **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.