



News from the Top Dawg!  
December 8, 2023

**Math:**

We will finish up the slope unit next week. Listen in class for quiz, review, and test dates. Plan on taking the STARR Math test on Thursday or Friday. If you know in advance that you will be absent one of these days, please notify me ASAP so we can get the test rescheduled.

**ELA:**

Students write individual argumentative essays written in a formal letter format. So that means we will be reviewing the letter format and envelope forming again! This essay/letter will count as a quiz grade.

Expect to take the STARR Reading test on Tuesday. If you know in advance that you will be absent on this day, please notify me ASAP so we can get the test rescheduled.

**Dawg Schedule:**

- 12-11 Bookmobile
- 12-12 History Test
- 12-12 Culver's Night 5-8
- 12-13 5 Days of Christmas Begins
- 12-18 History Test
- 12-19 Winter Party 2:30 (gift exchange at 12:30)
- 12-19 States & Capital Test
- 12-19 End of 2nd Quarter, Grade Cards Go Home, Winter Break
- 12-20 thru 01-02 NO SCHOOL
- 01-03 School Resumes
- 01-12 AR Quiz-FIC DUE by 8:25
- 01-12 AR NON-FIC DUE BY 8:25
- 01-15 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 01-22 Bookmobile
- 01-25 CHS Tour
- 02-05 Bookmobile
- 02-09 AR (2) NON-FIC DUE BY 8:25
- 02-09 Progress Reports Send Home
- 02-14 Valentine's Party 2:30
- 02-19 NO SCHOOL
- 02-29 Snow Creek Ski Field Trip
- 03-01 SHS Tour
- 03-04 Bookmobile
- 03-06 AR (2) NON-FIC DUE BY 8:25
- 03-08 End of 3rd Quarter, Early Out, PD Day
- 03-08 Grade Cards Send Home
- 03-11 LHS Tour
- 03-14 PI DAY!
- 03-18 Bookmobile
- 03-20 Culver's Night 5-8
- 03-25-29 NO SCHOOL-Spring Break
- 04-01 School Resumes
- 04-01 Bookmobile
- 04-11 AR (2) NON-FIC DUE BY 8:25
- 04-12 Progress Reports Send

**American History:**

Our Ch. 7 test is set for Tues., Dec. 12th. You will need to review your notes and previous quizzes, study the flashcards on Quizlet.com, and review your textbook prior to the test! We will then begin Unit 4: "The Early Republic", Ch. 8 "Growing Pains in the New Republic: 1789-1844". The plan is to test over Ch. 8 on Dec. 18th and take your States and Capitals test on Dec. 19th.

**Science:**

We dove into our new unit: Light waves! We are going to take on the role of student spectroscopists tasked with answering the question, Why is the skin cancer rate in Australia so high? Students will develop a foundational understanding of how materials can absorb energy from light, which causes them to change. Finally, we will end the week demonstrating their understanding of how light can change a material, including genetic material in skin cells.

**EPIC CLASS CODE:  
wia9240**



**Parents, Please Note:**

**\*\*When your child misses school, please remind them that they need to review all their Google Classroom announcements. These are posted so that ALL students have access to the assignments and materials that were used in class. I am finding that some students are not utilizing the information I am posting. I take extra time to upload pictures of my notes and links that I use in the lesson. If your child is earning lates, ask them if they wrote the assignment in their planner (or anywhere) or checked Google Classroom. Being absent is not an excuse for not knowing what they are to do. Please see the quoted part of the information that was addressed at the beginning of the year with all students:**

- ❑ **If you are absent, it is your responsibility to obtain any missed class work. Begin by looking for missed handouts in the ABSENT folder your classmate has compiled for you. Then ask another student (your study buddy) what you missed. Follow-up with the teacher if necessary.**
- ❑ **Make arrangements to take quizzes and tests immediately. It is your responsibility to make these arrangements, I will not and cannot track you down. If you do not make-up quizzes in a timely manner (before graded quizzes are returned to the students who were present), you will earn a "zero" on the quiz or test.**
- ❑ **UNEXCUSED absences on the day of an assignment, test, quiz, project, presentation, paper, etc. will result in a zero.**

12-19 Winter Party 2:30 (The gift exchange will take place at 12:30 to leave time for games at 2:30)

Take home treats-Ms. Bailey

Party treats-Mrs. Arnold (Do we need cups?)

Cups/plates/napkins-Ms. Hall

Run party- Mrs. Arnold

High School Tours:

CHS-January 25th (10-11)

SHS-March 1st (9-10)

LHS-March 11th (9-10)

Home

- 04-15 Bookmobile
- 04-19 EO PD day
- 04-22 - 5-3 MAP TESTING WINDOW
- 05-06-05-10 EOC TESTING WINDOW
- 04-29 Bookmobile
- 05-03 Reading Circle Due
- 05-05 Possible EO PD day
- 05-06 Bookmobile
- 05-16 Possible Last Day
- 05-16 Grade Cards Send Home

Students may bring juice/soda on Fridays if they have not had any lates, IA, or referrals to the office. They may enjoy these in my room after lunch.

**Concerning homework:**

"If you don't have time to do it right the first time, when do you have time to do it again?"

-John Wooden, Hall of Fame BB player/coach