



News from the Top Dawg!
September 1, 2023

Math:

We will continue working on solving simple/ multi-step equations and equations with variables. Your first quiz will be on Friday over lessons 1.1-1.2. I'll assign you a practice quiz. After you take the practice quiz, go to your reports to see the answers and the ones that you missed. Try figuring out your error! Do extra odd problems from sections 1.1-1.2 and check your answers in the back of the book. STUDY!

Please make sure you can log on to Big Ideas from home so that you will be able to work on homework from home. Please remember to use your calculator only to check your work, not to do your homework!

ELA:

We had a great week reviewing the R.A.C.E.S. writing strategy. I am working with the students to be creative in how they word the different parts of a paragraph. Ask your child if they know what "silver dollar" words are. Mrs. Proctor taught them long ago! I'm looking for the students to step up and use more specific vocabulary words to create unique writing.

Next week, we will be learning about plagiarism. Students will complete a scavenger hunt to research what plagiarism is, how it is done, its consequences, and how to avoid doing it. Students will also be reviewing how to use commas and quotations, and how to correctly cite evidence.

Dawg Schedule:

- 09-04 NO SCHOOL-Labor Day
- 09-08 Science Assessment
- 09-08 Math Quiz
- 09-12 PTO Meeting 6:30 Ice Cream Social
- 09-13 & 14 Picture Day
- 09-18 Bookmobile
- 09-18 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 09-18 BB starts
- 09-21 AR Quiz-FIC DUE by 8:25
- 09-21 AR Quiz NON-FIC DUE BY 8:25
- 09-27 Book Fair Starts
- 09-22 NO SCHOOL-PD Day
- 09-28 Fall Concert
- 10-02 Bookmobile
- 10-03 Culver's Night 5-8 P.M.
- 10-10 AR Quiz-FIC DUE by 8:25
- 10-10 AR Quiz-NON-FIC DUE BY 8:25
- 10-13 End of 1st Quarter
- 10-16 Bookmobile
- 10-17 BB Union Star
- 10-19 EARLY OUT PTS CONFERENCES
- 10-20 NO SCHOOL
- 10-23 BB S. Holt
- 10-23 AR Quiz-FIC DUE by 8:25
- 10-23 AR Quiz-NON-FIC DUE BY 8:25
- 10-25-26 Picture Retakes
- 10-23 BB N. Andrew
- 10-30 Bookmobile
- 10-31 Halloween Parties 2:30
- 11-02 BB Platte Valley
- 11-03 STUCO Members to Convention
- 11-06 BB Stewartsville
- 11-07 BB SMS
- 11-09 BB E. Buch
- 11-13 Bookmobile
- 11-13 BB King City
- 11-14-18 BB Tourny @ Ravenwood
- 11-20 BB St. Joe Christian

American History:

Now that we have reviewed basic map skills and discussed what our continent and country was like before Europeans arrived in these areas, we will begin learning from our first chapter, "Three Worlds Before 1500". You will have readings and daily review quizzes to complete. We will also focus time on studying the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Science:

Next week, students work in groups to prepare to design an energy system for the rescue workers. The Design Problem: Get energy to the batteries in the rescue workers' electrical devices, even when the power is out. Students will learn: 1. Scientists and engineers have designed many ways to capture human kinetic energy and convert it to electrical energy. 2. Electrical energy can be stored in a battery as potential energy so it can be used later. 3. Sharing expertise is an important practice in science. 4. Design criteria are goals that must be met in order to solve a problem.

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| | <p>Students complete an End-of-Unit Assessment on Friday, 9/8!</p> | |
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| <p>Reading Circle Requirements have been given out to the students. See the due dates on the right side of this memo. Students will complete all their non-fiction reading requirements if they complete all the required AR tests on the right. They will need to read about 9 extra fiction books on their own to complete the fiction requirements. If we read a fiction novel in class, they will be able to count that as well for a fiction book. All fiction and non-fiction books will have an AR test over them. Students will complete the AR tests with an ACES staff member at school.</p> | <p>Students are assigned a locker. All lockers are to be kept neat and tidy. If you need to clean out your locker, do it during study hall time. If you are absent and your parents request work, I or another student will get your books from your locker. I/a student will only spend 30 seconds looking for your materials to send home. If I can't find the materials in your locker, they won't be sent home. Your parents are welcome to look in your locker for you, but I/a student will not be digging through your locker for materials. Please do not keep valuables in your locker. If it is something that you cannot replace, don't bring it to school. (WE DO HAVE A CAMERA IN THE HALLWAY!)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11-21 BBCatholic schools ● 11-22 Progress Reports Send Home ● 11-22 Early Out-Thanksgiving Break ● 11-23 NO SCHOOL ● 11-24 NO SCHOOL ● 11-27 NO SCHOOL-PD Day ● 11-30 Book Case Fair ● 11-30 Winter Program ● 12-08 AR Quiz-FIC DUE by 8:25 ● 12-08 AR Quiz-NON-FIC DUE BY 8:25 ● 12-11 Bookmobile ● 12-12 Culver's Night 5-8 ● 12-19 Winter Party 2:30 (We may need to start the gift exchange earlier.) ● 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 ● 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 ● 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 ● 03-14 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 Home ● 04-15 Bookmobile ● 04-19 EO PD day. ● 04-20 - 5-1 MAP TESTING WINDOW |
| <div data-bbox="121 1402 235 1522" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Parents, Please Note:</p> <p>The Basketball parent meeting will be on 9-11 at 6:00. Please direct all questions to Mrs. Dyer.</p> <p>PTS Conferences-Parent/Teacher/Student conferences. I require my students to attend their conferences. If the student cannot attend, please let me know the week before the conference and I will plan accordingly.</p> <p>Lunch money: Please pay lunch money ahead.</p> | | |

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

- 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