



News from the Top Dawg!  
September 15, 2023

**Math:**

Chapter 1 test on Monday! Don't forget to actually study using your hardback and online books! We will then dive into Chapter 2, Transformations! Expect to cover translations and reflections.

**ELA:**

We will be using our **Collections** textbook to read stories. We will explore, tone, irony, point of view, author's purpose, and viewpoint using our textbook as well as MobyMax. It is possible that you will write a R.A.C.E.S. response paragraph as well.

**Dawg Schedule:**

- 09-18 Math Chapter 1 Test
- 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
- 09-22 Early Out-PD Day
- 09-22 Science Assessment
- 09-25 History Test
- 09-27 Book Fair Starts
- 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
- 11-21 BBCatholic schools
- 11-22 Progress Reports Send Home
- 11-22 Early Out-

**American History:**

We will begin Ch. 2 "European Exploration of the Americas" on Monday and will test over this chapter on Monday, Sept. 25th. Students will constantly connect how groups of people contributed to our country and ways they were held back/marginalized (Pros/cons of each group's history will be discussed all year long).

**Science:**

Next week students will be continuing their Force and Motion unit. They will be evaluating claims and thruster forces, exploring and explaining mass, force, and velocity, as well as designing wheelchairs. On **Friday, September 22**, there will be a quick **formative assessment** (quiz) over the content learned so far. Students at this point should understand that the same strength force can affect the velocity of different objects in different ways, that the velocity of an object can be determined by dividing the distance traveled by the time it took to travel that distance, and finally advances in technology influence the progress of science, and science has influenced advances in technology.

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 nine extra fiction books on their own to complete the fiction

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. 1/a student will only spend 30

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.

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!)

- 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.
- 04-22 - 5-3 MAP TESTING WINDOW
- 05-06-05-10 EOC TESTING WINDOW
- 04-29 Bookmobile
- 05-03 Reading Circle Due



**Parents, Please Note:**

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.

Lunch money: Please pay lunch money ahead.

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

- 05-05 Possible EO PD day
- 05-06 Bookmobile
- 05-16 Possible Last Day
- 05-16 Grade Cards Send Home