



News from the Top Dawg!  
September 8, 2023

**Math:**

Rewriting formulas and equations will be our focus next week. Plan on a quiz over lessons 1.3 and 1.4 on Thursday. We will then complete a review of Chapter 1 on Friday with the test to follow on Monday, Sept. 18th.

**ELA:**

We have been reviewing basic grammar skills this past week. Next week we will work with citing textual evidence using nonfiction works.

**Dawg Schedule:**

- 09-12 PTO Meeting 6:30 Ice Cream Social
- 09-13 Picture Day
- 09-14 Math Quiz
- 09-15 History Test
- 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
- 09-27 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
- 11-21 BBCatholic schools

**American History:**

We will continue learning from Ch. 1 "Three Worlds Meet Before 1500" (Societies of the Americas, Europe, and Africa). The Ch. 1 assessment is scheduled for Fri., Sept. 15th.

**Main Ideas from this Chapter:**

1) Civilizations arose in Mesoamerica and S. America. 2) Environmental factors influenced cultures in western N. America. 3) Stable farming societies developed in Eastern N. America. 4) Geography shaped how Native American cultures developed. 5) Western Europe changed during the Middle Ages. 6) The Renaissance and Reformation led to new ideas. 7) European trade expanded in the 1400s. 7) Trade helped to create the kingdom of Ghana and to spread Islam. 8) Mali and Songhai were wealthy trading kingdoms. ALL OF THESE MAIN IDEAS LED TO & INFLUENCED THE EXPLORATION & COLONIZATION OF THE U.S. which we will begin covering in Ch. 2!

**Science:**

We will be beginning a new unit this week: Force and Motion. As they investigate throughout this unit, students will learn about the relationship between force, change in velocity, mass, and the equal and opposite forces exerted during collisions. By the end of the unit, students will understand how forces can affect the motion of objects. Next week our specific focus will be on the following: describing changes in motion, investigating the direction of force, explaining force and velocity, and force strength and velocity change.

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.

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, 1 or another student will get your books from your locker. 1/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 1/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!)

- 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
- 04-29 Bookmobile



**Parents, Please Note:**

The Basketball parent meeting will be on 9-11 at 6:00. Please direct all questions to Mrs. Dyer.

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

- 05-03 Reading Circle Due
- 05-05 Possible EO PD day
- 05-06 Bookmobile
- 05-16 Possible Last Day
- 05-16 Grade Cards Send Home