



News from the Top Dawg!
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Math:

Students will learn how to use their online BIM math book as well as how to use the online resources as a study guide. I do not send home study guides. BIM online has a variety of different ways to study. Please take time and have your child show you how they will navigate the online version to study.

We will then be working on solving simple/ multi-step equations and equations with variables. Your first quiz will be coming soon 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!

American History:

Students have been reviewing the U.S. states and their capitals in class and at home. They will have an exam over these on Monday, Aug. 28th. I will be checking for state placement, spelling, capitalization, and handwriting. If attending Savannah High School next year, I know that knowing your states and capitals is a way to earn extra credit in your freshman American History class. Other extra credit opportunities in SHS 9th gr. Amer. Hist. are: reciting the U.S. presidents in order (Learned

ELA:

Students will be reviewing the RACES writing strategy. Throughout the year, Students will be constructing responses using the RACES format. Next week, we will be practicing writing some basic paragraphs using the RACES format.

Science:

We will begin our first unit on Harnessing Human Energy, which is a launch unit to our new science curriculum. This unit will provide the students with an opportunity to assume the role of student energy scientists in order to help a team of rescue workers with an energy problem. This unit is designed to give students a useful framework for their understanding of energy and provide them chances to explore. This unit will leave them with questions that will be addressed in future

Dawg Schedule:

- 09-01 MS students may order salads
- 09-04 NO SCHOOL-Labor Day
- 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

in 5th gr. at ACES.), reciting the 27 amendments in the U.S. Constitution (We work on this 2nd semester this year.), and reciting the preamble to the Declaration of Independence (Completed in 5th and 7th grades at ACES).

units. So this is a great first unit to kick off the year. **Next week students will specifically be introduced to the energy research lab, investigate energy claims, review kinetic and potential energy, and finally will take a look at energy inventions.**

- 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

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, I 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!)



Parents, Please Note:

PLEASE READ: I have had some trouble with my email and ClassTag. If you respond to an older message, it may not show up in my ClassTag account. I can still see the emails that you send, but I will not be able to answer them. I now have the account set up correctly using the email jsigrist@avenuecityschool.org. If you have sent me a message,

and I have not responded, please email me directly or send a new CT message. I am so sorry for the confusion!

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

Thank you for getting all the first-of-the-year paperwork back to me! I'm looking forward to a great year with your child!

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

- 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