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Newsletter

August 2023
Jasper Middle School
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School-Wide News

Chromebooks

Students should charge their Chromebooks each night, so they are prepared for school the next day.

Dates to Remember:

August 17: JMS Spirit Wear Fundraiser Closes

August 25: JMS Club Day

August 30: Fall Fundraiser Kickoff

August 31: JMS FIRE Celebration - Kona Ice

September 1: Remote Learning Day

September 4: Labor Day - School Holiday

Academic Updates

ELA - We are enjoying getting to know your students, and we are looking forward to a great school year! During the month of August, our ELA classes will begin by reviewing plot elements. We will be watching a series of Pixar short films and reading short stories to learn how to analyze the storyline in order to complete plot diagrams. This will prepare us for our choice reading and our class novels. Once we finish our review of plot elements, we will dive into our Informational Unit. Classes will be reading *Zane and the Hurricane* or *The Cay*, and we will be learning about the importance of credible sources in preparation for a short research project that will take place later on in the unit.

Mini lessons containing grammar and vocabulary will be incorporated throughout every unit.

Students are also encouraged to read their library books for at least 15 minutes daily.

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Math - We are excited about this year and the new math standards. Unit 1 will introduce students to the study of statistics by experiencing how to design simple experiments and collect data. The unit begins with identifying what constitutes a statistical question. Students can collect, analyze and display data through a number of graphical representations.

Please remember that students have their spiral review to work on each night. Students receive the weekly on Friday for the following week from their homeroom teacher. Many students are completing this during homeroom but please check with them to make sure it is completed before they come to school.

The spiral review is designed to review those skills that have been covered so students maintain an understanding throughout the school year.

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Finding Programs:

At JMS, our students use many great online programs to enhance and reinforce their learning experience (ITS Learning, Dreambox, Reading Plus, Nearpod, CommonLit, IXL). All of these programs are accessible through Clever. When students log in on their school Chromebooks, the program automatically directs them to

Science - Welcome to 6th-grade science! I am Ms. Henderson and I will be your child's science teacher this year. As we begin our year, we will be learning about the universe and how it is structured. We will explore things like galaxies, nebulae, stars, and planets. We will also look at theories about the formation of the universe. In the second half of our first unit, we will come a little closer to home and study the planets of our solar system.

If you need to contact me for anything, you may call or email. My email is:

paulahenderson@pickenscountyschools.org

Social Studies -

Hello, and welcome to Social Studies! I am working hard to learn your child's name, as well as a little bit more about him/her. I can truly say I am pleased with the behaviors I have witnessed so far. This is a great group of students!

I do not assign homework. If your child is absent, or falls behind during class, he/she can work on missing assignments at home.

For the month of August, we begin our world studies with Europe. We first start with identifying certain physical and political geographical locations within Europe.. Then, we will move on to learning about environmental factors within the country, as well as languages spoken, and religions practiced in each area. Finally, we will look at the economic system of Europe and discover how their vast coastline, as well as their inland river systems greatly impact trade with other countries.

Should you ever have a question or concern, please reach out to me. Thank you for a great start to the new year!

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Clever. Once they are logged in, they can access all programs without the use of an additional login.

Infinite Campus:

How to check student attendance and grades:

(<https://campus.pickens.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/pickens.jsp>)

If you need assistance, please email:
parentportal@pickenscountyschools.org

Yearbook!



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- 2. Go to Find My School**
- 3. Type in Jasper Middle School**
- 4. Click on Jasper Middle School (Jasper, GA)**