



# 5B

# Newsletter

January/February  
Jasper Middle School  
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## School-Wide News

### **Chromebooks**

Students should be charging chromebooks each night, so they are prepared for school the next day.

### **Dates to Remember:**

2/6- Parent Academy  
2/7- School Advisory Council  
2/13-Spring Pictures  
2/19-2/23- Winter Break

## Academic Updates

### **ELA**

In January for ELA, we continued to practice writing narratives by including the five key elements to a good narrative: characters, setting, plot, conflict, and theme. We have focused on identifying and inferring themes in various genres. We have worked on writing summaries of stories to include key details. We have reviewed verb tenses in grammar and discovered the Perfect Verb Tense.

In February, we will begin writing five-paragraph opinion essays that will include evidence to support our ideas. We will also begin analyzing the different ways visual elements add meaning and tone to text. We will use evidence from different genres to support our analysis and reflection. As we continue to increase our vocabulary, we will begin identifying and using context clues to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words in text. As always, students are responsible for completing their 2 Reading Plus reading lessons each week to 80% or higher. Don't forget to keep reading with your kids every day! Reading with them is the best thing you can do to help your child be successful.

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## Math

Students are learning how to add mixed numbers with unlike denominators and subtract mixed numbers with unlike denominators with regrouping. We are planning to take our Unit 4 Summative the week of January 29th. Then, we will begin Unit 5 which is Making Sense of Fraction Multiplication and Division. Please continue to have your child practice their multiplication and division facts. Your student can use XtraMath at home to practice as well as IXL games and flashcards. Thank you for your continued support!

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## Finding Programs:

At JMS, our students use many great online programs to enhance and reinforce their learning experience (Canvas, Reading Plus, IXL). All of these programs are accessible through Clever. When students log in on their school chromebooks, the program automatically directs them to Clever. Once they are logged in, they can access all programs without the use of an additional login.



# Science

## Physical Science

For approximately the next 3 weeks students will focus on Standards S5P2.a,b, and c. Students will obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to investigate electricity, including learning the difference between naturally occurring electricity (static) and human-harnessed electricity, designing a complete, simple electric circuit, explaining all necessary components of a circuit, and plan and carry out investigations on common materials to determine if they are insulators or conductors of electricity.

Just before Winter Break we will be moving onto Standard S5P3.a, and b. where students will obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about magnetism and its relationship to electricity. This includes constructing an argument based on experimental evidence to communicate the differences in function and purpose of an electromagnet and a magnet ("function" is limited to understanding temporary and permanent magnetism). Students will also plan and carry out an investigation to observe the interaction between a magnetic field and a magnetic object (placing materials of various types (wood, paper, glass, metal, and rocks) and thickness between the magnet and the magnetic object)

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# Social Studies

We will continue to work on the following:

Unit 6: World War II

- German aggression in Europe and Japanese aggression in Asia
- Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima, D-Day, VE and VJ Days, and the Holocaust
- Franklin D. Roosevelt, Joseph Stalin, Winston Churchill, Hirohito, Harry S. Truman, Benito Mussolini, and Adolf Hitler
- Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and the Atomic Bomb
- Rationing and changing roles of women (Rosie the Riveter) and African Americans (The Tuskegee Airmen)
- Eleanor Roosevelt and the United Nations

Please remember if your child is absent, they are to check Canvas for all of their make-up assignments. I have each assignment listed under the day and date. I have gone over this in class in detail with your children. They know how to sign on and find their assignments. Just remind them to check Canvas.

Thanks for your help!

Study guides are sent home with my students a week before test time. In addition, they are posted on my web page at

<https://jaspermid.pickens.k12.ga.us/staff/team-5b/tonya-clark/>

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# 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](mailto:parentportal@pickenscountyschools.org)

# Yearbook!



Make sure to buy your JMS Yearbook.

1. Go to Jostens.com
2. Go to Find My School
3. Type in Jasper Middle School
4. Click on Jasper Middle School (Jasper, GA)

# Education Success Tip!

Reading at home for just 15 minutes a day can help students tremendously in school. Encourage your child to take a break with a book!

School website:

<https://jaspermid.pickens.k12.ga.us/>