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Newsletter

October 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:

October 6: JMS Progress Reports

October 6: JMS 6th Grade Field Trip 1st Payment Due

October 9: After School Tutoring Begins

October 10: JMS Fall Pictures

October 20: JMS 6th Grade Fall Dance

November 7: JMS Inservice - NO School

November 14: JMS Fall Pictures Retakes

November 14: JMS Parent Academy

Academic Updates

ELA - This month we will be finishing our Informational Unit. We will continue to read and analyze informational texts while focusing on determining the main idea and supporting details, summarizing, text structure, research, and making inferences. Our writing unit will continue to focus on constructed responses and informational essays. We will use what we have learned regarding credible sources as students continue participating in a short research project.

Classes will continue to read Zane and the Hurricane or The Cay. Mini lessons containing grammar and vocabulary will be incorporated throughout every unit.

Please remind students to complete their Daily ELA Practice each week. They are given time in homeroom daily to complete the questions. If they cannot complete them during homeroom then they will need to finish them for homework.

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Math - We just finished exploring the world of statistics and are starting Unit 2. In this unit, we will be *building on student knowledge and understanding of whole numbers and fractions from elementary school, students will begin working with number relationships to deepen their connection to fractions. Students will continue computation with four operations with both fractions and decimals using a variety of strategies.*

Please remember that students have their spiral review to work on each night. Students receive the weekly review on Monday 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 (Reading Plus, Newsela, CommonLit, IXL, Canvas, etc.). 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 - We are now moving into our second unit-The Solar System. We will first explore each of the terrestrial planets, then the gas giants, and finally, the other small bodies: comets, dwarf planets, meteoroids, meteors, meteorites, asteroids. As with the last unit, we will have quizzes after each lesson and then a unit test. There will be a study guide going home next week (10/9) which covers the whole unit.

If your student is missing any assignments, they are welcome to take their science books home to get caught up. They can also access their textbook online through their Clever account. Directions for accessing the online textbook can be found on my website.

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

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Social Studies -

We are finishing up the Languages and Religions of Europe. Our test will be on 10.12 over Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Next, we will delve into Governments of Europe and learn to explain the differences between autocratic and democratic governments, as well as the impact of the European Union and the relationships between member nations.

I do not assign homework unless your child does not finish an assignment in class. If they are absent, please check Canvas and/or email me.

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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

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)

6th Grade Field Trip

When: Thursday, April 25, 2024 - Leave at 6:00 a.m. and return to JMS at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Chattanooga, TN - Rock City, River Boat Cruise, IMAX, and Tennessee Aquarium

Cost: \$40 Non-Refundable Deposit is due Friday, October 6, 2023

2nd Payment of \$30 is due Friday, November 3, 2023

3rd Payment of \$30 is due Friday, February 2, 2024

4th Payment of \$30 is due Friday, March 1, 2024