



# 6B

# Newsletter

April 2024  
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:

**April 1-5:** JMS Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

**April 9:** JMS Parent Academy

**April 24:** JMS 6A Field Trip

**April 25:** JMS 6B Field Trip

## Academic Updates

**ELA** - Sixth-grade students are finishing the Argumentative Unit for Language Arts and beginning to review all of our writing units. Each week, we will be further enhancing our skills in informational, narrative, and argumentative writing. Students will also be working on conventions such as pronouns, sentence types, and non-restrictive elements.

Students are responsible for completing their ELA morning work. Many students complete this work during homeroom, but if students are unable, they should complete it at home. Our morning work typically consists of a short passage and a few questions. Students also are reading a book of their choice. Please remember all students should aim to read for 20 minutes each weeknight.

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

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**Math** - We are finishing up Unit 5: Exploring Real-life Phenomena through One-Step Equations and Inequalities. In the upcoming unit 6, students will learn to use geometric and spatial reasoning to calculate the area of a triangle, quadrilateral, regular, and irregular polygons by composing or decomposing into shapes, such as, but not limited to triangles, rectangles, trapezoids, rhombi, etc. presented within real-world, mathematical problems.

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-issued Chromebooks, the program automatically directs them to Clever. Once they are logged in, they can access all

**Science** - This month we will be finishing up our unit on soil, minerals, and rocks. Toward the middle of the month, we will be having the Unit 5B Summative Assessment. After that, we will jump into our study of Plate Tectonics, which includes a review of volcanoes and earthquakes.

Please continue to help out by checking in with your student daily about what they learned and if they completed their work. If a student needs to complete work at home, they may bring their science books home or use the online version (there are instructions on my website if needed).

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

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### **Social Studies -**

After Spring Break, we are excited to begin our new unit on Latin America! Throughout this unit, we will explore how the location and geography of a region can significantly impact various aspects of society, such as the economy, culture, and overall development. We will also delve into the influence of religion, beliefs, customs, traditions, and government on the dynamics of these societies.

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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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](mailto:parentportal@pickenscountyschools.org)

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## **Yearbook!**



**Make sure to buy your JMS Yearbook.**

1. Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.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**