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Newsletter

November/December 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:

- November 1-17:** JMS Can food drive begins
- November 3:** JMS Field Trip 2nd Payment Due
- November 7:** JMS Inservice Day - NO SCHOOL
- November 14:** JMS Fall Pictures Makeups
- November 14:** JMS Parent Academy
- November 14-15:** JMS Math Beacon
- November 15:** JMS School Advisory Council
- November 20-24:** Thanksgiving Break
- December 21-January 3:** Christmas Break

Academic Updates

ELA - Sixth-grade students are beginning the narrative unit for Language Arts. In this unit, we read and analyze literary texts while focusing on theme, characterization, plot, conflict, and making inferences. We will focus on constructed responses and writing narratives for our writing standards. In class, students will be reading a variety of short stories and their choice books. Please remember all students should aim to read for 20 minutes each weeknight. Classes will also be finishing the novels 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. Our morning work typically consists of a short passage and two questions.

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Math - We are finishing up unit 2 making relevant connections through number fluency. In the upcoming unit 3, students will *use computational skills (focusing on fractions) to solve problems in context. Students make connections to the classroom beyond the school day when they explore unit rate, ratios, and calculate percentages using proportional reasoning.*

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 wrapping up our unit on the solar system as we learn about small bodies like asteroids, meteoroids, etc... We will have the unit test next week and then move into our unit on the Earth, moon, and sun system. There we will learn about eclipses, seasons, and tides.

We have also begun our science fair. We are doing a class project for those that are not doing the individual projects.

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 currently in our study of the governments of Europe and the purpose of the European Union. Up next, we will delve into Europe's economy, trade, and factors of economic growth. Before Christmas, we will finish the semester with WWII, the Cold War, and the Holocaust.

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