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Newsletter

January 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:

January 15: JMS School Holiday - NO SCHOOL

February 2: JMS Field Trip 3rd Payment Due

February 6: JMS Parent Academy

February 7: JMS School Advisory Council

February 13: JMS Spring Pictures

February 19-23: JMS Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

Academic Updates

ELA - Sixth-grade students are focussing on the Argumentative Unit for Language Arts. In this unit, we will read and analyze informational texts with a focus on tracing and writing claims, supporting claims, and analyzing and writing counterclaims. We will still focus on constructed responses and writing narratives and informational essays. Students are reading classroom novels like: Touching Spirit Bear, Love that Dog, and House Arrest.

Students are responsible for 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.

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Math - We are finishing up unit 3 Investigating Rate, Ratio and Proportional Reasoning. In the upcoming unit 4, students begin *a more formal study of Algebra as they move from arithmetic experiences to algebraic representations. Students learn to translate verbal phrases and numeric situations into algebraic expressions, understand like terms and work with exponential notation.*

Please remember that students have their spiral review to work on each night. Students receive the weekly review 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 (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 - Weathering, Erosion, and Deposition – In this unit, we will be analyzing the effects of weathering on Earth's surface, the processes of erosion and deposition by water, wind, ice, and gravity.

Afterwards, we will be moving into Soil Formation and learning about the physical and chemical characteristics of soil layers and factors that affect soil formation, including the action of living things. Dissection of earthworms will also be on the agenda!!

The structure of minerals and their physical properties will then be on the calendar.

Be looking for the Earthworm Dissection permission slip to be coming out.



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Infinite Campus:

How to check student grades:

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

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

Social Studies -

We are moving into our last unit over Europe: Our next unit will cover; **Government and Economics of Europe:** Compare and Contrast the different forms of Government - (Autocratic vs. Democratic; also we will learn about the two predominant forms of a democratic government: parliamentary and presidential)

For Economics, we will analyze different economic systems: Traditional, Command, and Market economies, and we'll analyze the benefits of and barriers to voluntary trade in Europe.

Tentative test date will be the end of January or first of February. I'll update when we get closer to finishing this unit.

Following our Europe unit, we'll move into Canada. The geography of Canada will be our first topic.

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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: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 - Leave at 6:00 a.m. and return to JMS at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Chattanooga, TN - Rock City, Cruise, IMAX, Aquarium

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

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