

What's Happening in the Classroom



Mrs. Champion: It is hard to believe the first nine-weeks are behind us. Presently classes are working on folk tales, mythology, and fables. Direct quotations will be implemented into writing as students create their own stories. Our next unit focuses on the genres of fantasy and poetry; we will be reading *The Hobbit* and *A Christmas Carol*. I would like to thank all parents and students for a fun and productive start.



Mrs. Williams: In **Social Studies**, we are working our way through the Middle East. Before we know it, it will be time to pack our bags for Asia. The students and I are loving The Stock Market Game. The students have teamed up and are competing to see which group can win the most money with their 100,000.00 pretend money. District winners will be invited to an awards luncheon in Atlanta. Please realize there is homework in Social Studies. The students are to make a creative interpretation of the daily lesson. They are to watch/listen/log on to the world news on a daily basis.



In **Language Arts**, we are practicing reading and writing skills. Stories we have been reading have been about exciting teen adventurers who have climbed mountains, sailed the ocean solo, and overcome ship wrecks. Homework is always to read for pleasure at least 30 minutes per night.

Look on the back for:

- Important field trip information.
- Important information about the flu shot.
- Information about Ebola.
- Recommended web-sites

Mrs. Fowler: We are currently finishing up cell parts and will start cell processes soon. After that, we will work on genetics and heredity. Students will be learning how they got certain traits using a Punnett Square. They will also learn about how some traits are much more complicated. We look forward to working with your child and you. Email or call if you have any questions.

Mrs. Hamilton: During the first quarter, students have been very busy working with rational numbers. Ask your child about those positive and negative numbers and try to incorporate real world examples daily such as temperatures below zero, earning a net profit/loss for a business, losing yardage in football, and even being overdrawn on a checking account! Students are now working with expressions and equations and learning to solve for an unknown quantity – the variable. They will also learn to solve and graph inequalities. It is vital that all work be shown when solving equations and inequalities. This unit is usually the most difficult for the majority of students. Within the next two weeks, students will be taking a benchmark test which is an assessment used to monitor progress in 7th grade. Please feel free to contact your child's math teacher with any questions or concerns.



Mrs. Klein: What's all the fuss about in the Middle East? What started all this mess? Want to know the history behind it all?



Ask your children; they can tell you where it all started! We've learned about the 3 prominent religions of the world that started around Jerusalem and their similarities and differences. We can explain the basic conflicts that include land, water, and oil distribution. We know how the three different economic systems work and what makes them tick! We know that different types of governments allow different levels of citizen participation. We are happy we live in America! We are preparing for the test over all this material, which we will take Oct. 22. After that, we will look specifically at some of the types of government and economic systems that are across the Middle East before we travel to other parts of Asia.

Annual St. Simons Field Trip

Each year 7th graders have the opportunity to travel to St. Simons Island on an overnight field trip. This year students will leave on Wednesday, March 11th, and return Friday, March 13th. The cost of the trip this year is \$230. The price of the trip includes: charter bus, 2-night stay at Epworth-by-the-Sea on St. Simons Island, all meals, snacks, interactive classes and instruction at Driftwood Education Center. This trip is loaded with fun activities for every type of student. The student to teacher ratio for this trip is about 12 to 1, and when combined with Driftwood's staff, it is about 6 to 1.

Flu Immunizations offered at JMS

Influenza, also called "flu," is a viral illness that causes fever, sore throat, muscle aches and cough. Influenza can weaken the body's defenses and lead to complications like bacterial pneumonia. It can also worsen existing chronic health problems like heart disease and diabetes.

We are pleased to announce that the flu vaccination will be available on campus, to our students, November 5th. Please see the form attached to this newsletter for more information.

From  Georgia Department of Public Health

As you know, national and international health authorities are working to control a large, ongoing outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in several countries in West Africa, with the current epicenter in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea. Public Health relies on the vigilance of a vast array of informed contributors beyond our traditional medical providers to report diseases and it is therefore critical that guidance and recommendations be provided to the educational community at this time. Please refer to the webpages below for current information related to the Ebola outbreak and for infection prevention tips and flyers related to hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, and other tips to limit the spread of infection.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>

<http://dph.georgia.gov/infection-prevention-tips-staying-healthy>

Teacher Recommended Web Sites

<http://quizlet.com/>

<http://my.hrw.com>

<http://studyisland.com>

<http://www.math4children.com>

<http://www.crclessons.com>

<http://www.ixl.com>

<http://www.aaastudy.com>



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