

7th and 8th Grade Newsletter

May 21, 2010

Another week has come to an end. I hope that everyone is doing great! Here is a look at what we have been up to...

7th Language

7th graders learned from the main characters, Phillip and Timothy, how to adapt to uncomfortable situations and accept others as they are. The final book project of the year was assigned and is due Tuesday, May 25.

7th Math

We have continued working on finding surface area and volume of geometric solids such as: rectangular prisms, triangular prisms, pyramids, and cones. We finished the unit this week and tested on Wednesday.

7th Science

We have been studying health and nutrition. We learned about nutrients in our food and how they help give us energy, build bones and muscles, and keep our organs functioning. We discussed the importance of rest and exercise. We are learning about drugs and how they affect our bodies.

7th Civics

This week we discussed law in the United States. We learned the difference between criminal law and civil law. We also talked about felonies and misdemeanors. We will continue talking about the law next week.

8th Language

8th graders are busy trying to solve the mystery in *The Westing Game*. They've had fun creating their own coded messages and attempting to decipher the clues provided in the text. The final book project of the year was assigned and is due Tuesday, May 25.

8th Grade Math

We have continued working on finding surface area and volume of geometric solids such as: rectangular prisms, triangular prisms, pyramids,

and cones. We also learned the difference between slant height and perpendicular height of pyramids and cones, and how to find the two different heights. We finished the unit this week and tested on Thursday.

8th Science

We have been learning about the Solar System. We learned about the Greek's idea of a geocentric system and Copernicus's Idea of a heliocentric system. We've learned about the makeup of the Sun, Earth and other planets.

8th Geography

This week we concluded our unit on South Asia. Students really answered the bell on their test. All four kids received an "A" or higher. Over the next week and a half we will be learning about Australia and Antarctica.

Reminders:

Remember to order your SCRIP every week. It is a good way to help the school raise money.

The end of the school year is coming up. Encourage your student to finish the year out strong and to continue to work hard. We have four weeks left!

Our end of the year field trip will be on Tuesday June 2. We will be going to Jacks Bowling Alley and Rafferty's Pizza after. When we get back that afternoon we will go over to Gregory Park. If anyone would like to volunteer to chaperone, please let me know. The cost will be around ten dollars per student. I will let you know the actual price next week.

The retirement party for Kathy Stone will be at 11:30 this Saturday in the school cafeteria. The party is for everyone, so please come. Kathy has been working at our school for thirty years.