

The Weekly Waibel Word

Friday, August 22

What's Happening:

Math: The 7th and 8th grade took an pre-algebra/algebra assessment test this week to test where we would start off learning! It was a lot of brain work for their first week of school, but I'm proud of them but being patient and we will begin book work next week!

Reading: This week we talked about fiction work and read a short-story together. They inferred and interpreted along the way! AR STAR testing will be issued by Mrs. Wirths soon and we will hit the ground running with our reading goals this quarter!

Religion: The whole school's theme this year is "Striving for Sainthood". The 7th and 8th graders have been working on a research project of their saint of choosing. Ask them about the saint they picked!

Geography: To kick off Geography, we played some brain games, testing their knowledge of countries, flags, landmarks, national parks, etc! They were excited to hear that this class will be a PROJECT-BASED class (with the exception of a few quizzes). And we will be tasting our way around the world this year, trying new foods from the countries and regions we study!

English/Spelling: Everyday we begin English and Spelling with a ten-minute free writing session. I encourage them to think outside the box and not worry about the grade (it's participation credit) and truly put their thoughts on paper. We also began slowly with our vocab words of the week and some quick book work about types of sentences. Our first vocabulary quiz will be Thursday, August 29 over their "QU" spelling words.

Science: We have been working hard getting back into a good science routine. Each student has a notebook designated for their science notes or they can choose to type them on their Chrome Books. These notes will make GREAT study guides come test time!

Productivity Time: 7th & 8th grade have a great opportunity on Monday, Thursday, and Friday afternoon for more time to work on anything they need to work on! This is going to be a great time for them to (1) catch up on their AR reading goals, (2) have class time to work on larger projects, (3) rehearse speeches or (4) get done with homework EARLY! They will be encouraged to use this time wisely!

Upcoming (Next Two Weeks):

Friday, August 30 - No School

Sunday, September 1 - Church Picnic

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day, No School

Wednesday, September 4 - Student Council Elections

Thursday, September 5 -

Sunday, September 8 - Steam Engine Show

Friday, September 6 - 7th & 8th Grade Work Concession

Upcoming (In the future):

Testing Week: This will be October 7-October 11. Students are encouraged to eat a well-rounded breakfast, get plenty of sleep, and relax. Friday, October 11 we will be enjoying an all-school movie if testing week wraps up quickly and efficiently.

Reminders:

Chrome Book Insurance: \$26 to school with note in memo in order to take them home with them

Class Dojo: Be sure to “claim” your child on our Class Dojo for St. Joseph!

I appreciate all your patience and cooperation with me this year! 7th and 8th grade has been great so far. We will keep adjusting and working together to get back in the swing of things! The kids have been very patient with me as well as we are creating our routines. I will also be working on making this newsletter a little more “friendly” look and pleasing to the eye to keep in touch with all of you from week to week.

Thanks again,
Mrs. Waibel