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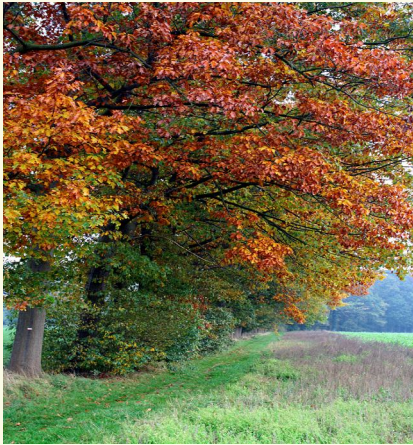
Dear Parents,

I feel very privileged and excited to begin this new school year with your greatest gift, your children. We continue to pray and ask God for a speedy recovery for Ms. LaBance. We also congratulate Mrs. Young upon her new baby's arrival. Until she returns, I will thoroughly enjoy getting to know and teach each child. It is my hope and prayer that the students will be inspired to seek God and to grow in faith and knowledge. May they also continue to look to you for your wisdom, guidance, and love which will enable them to be successful in utilizing his or her gifts and talents.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Matts

Grades 7/8 Newsletter



Math 7

- We are reviewing the basic skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- We will then begin systematic problem-solving steps and put these to use.
- The next study will be of exponents, bases and powers.

Language Arts 7/8

- We have begun work on our first chapter "Changes" and the first story is "Viva New Jersey". There are ten vocabulary words associated with this story for which students are responsible. They are to know the spellings and the definitions of all of them and be able to use them in a sound, grammatical sentence. The test on this story will be during the week of September 6.
- We also will do grammar studies in our language arts class once a week and, in general, will do one new topic per class.

Health 7/8

- We will explore the setup of the brand new texts and begin the actual study very soon.
- In each lesson the students will define the stressed vocabulary items and use them correctly in the check and summary review at the end of the lesson. There will be a test at the end of the first three lessons.

Pre-Algebra 8

- The students are studying the basic steps to solving word problems which are: Explore, Plan, Solve, Examine. They are applying these principles to various word problems with which they will be presented to solve.
- The next lesson is on order of operations which is very important and we will then continue on with the remainder of Chapter 1.

Theology 7/8

- The 7th and 8th graders also began the year with reflecting on the importance of Samuel's story. We will be studying the various literary styles and books of the New Testament. We read God's word to know that God speaks to us today through these words.
- They will learn how much God loves us and how we are to live as his people.

Social Studies 7/8

- In order to keep on track with last year's curriculum, the seventh and eighth graders will also start with unit 4, the Jackson Era (1824-1840).

Science 7/8

- The students will be exploring Physical Science. In Chapter one, they will be making observations, classifying, making generalizations and applying concepts.