



Newsletter January


7th / 8th Grade

Language Arts




We are continuing with our unit on challenges with "Part Two- Finding Your Place." In this part of the unit, the stories ask whether you can find a place that fits you rather than you fitting a place.

In grammar, we are starting a unit on prepositions and conjunctions. We will be having quizzes on this unit to help us with the prepositions.




We are also starting an essay "How has SSCD influenced me in faith, academics, and service?" These essays will be on display during Catholic Schools Week.

Religion




We are currently discussing the last chapter in our "Church History" text. It focuses on the importance of the Second Vatican Council by exploring Pope John XXIII's call for the latest ecumenical council of the Church. We will examine the work and documents of Vatican II and discuss the Church's efforts to work for unity of all Christians. Lastly, students will learn how they are a part of the Church's continuing history.

Science



We have started our annual Science Expos once again! A Science Expo is an experiment that the students have researched and tested using the scientific method. Each student will complete a completely different project on a completely different topic. The students will then present their expos to the school during Catholic Schools Week.



Majority of the work for the Science Expos will be completed here at school. The students will, however, complete the experiment part at home.



Parents are welcome to come and observe the presentations!

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Please check assignment notebooks for homework and test dates!

Please check the school calendar for Catholic Schools Week activities.

Social Studies

We are starting "Chapter 4: Building the First Colonies." In this chapter, we will learn about the first colonies that Europeans built in North America and some of the hardships and conflicts the settlers faced. In this chapter, we will be introduced to Pocahontas. We will also accompany the Pilgrims on their journey to America.

Health

We are finally starting a new chapter in health! We will begin "Chapter 7: Controlling Disease." In this chapter, we will be able to classify diseases as communicable or noncommunicable. We will describe various modes of disease transmission, and utilize concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention.

Math

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Students are reviewing how to find the Least Common Multiple which we will use in our work with fractions. Then we will discuss comparing and ordering rational numbers and scientific notation, after which we will have a chapter test.

Our next unit will be "Algebra: Using Rational Numbers." Students will practice adding, subtracting, and multiplying fractions involving negative numbers. We will use several class periods to strengthen students' skills in these areas. They will then learn to recognize and extend arithmetic and geometric sequences.

Pre-Algebra

Our current lesson is an integration with statistics, as students learn how to find the measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode, and range). We will then discuss how to solve equations and inequalities containing positive and negative rational numbers, which will require a couple of class periods. Recognizing geometric sequences and representing them algebraically will be next. Students will learn about common ratios and how to write the terms in a sequence. We will conclude this chapter with scientific notation and then a chapter test.