MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

SNOWY RANGE ACADEMY

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MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES

Welcome to the Middle School Weekly News.

In this publication you will find a synopsis of topics your student is covering in each subject. If you wish to locate homework please log in to your student's Power School account. Should you need to contact a teacher, you may email them via email, provided below.

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SIXTH GRADE

LANGUAGE ARTS

In sixth grade, the students will continue their Myth Unit. We will be reading and discussing several Greek classics. We also will learn how to write a summary. This first writing assignment is due Thursday at the start of class. The spelling quiz Friday will be over the words depth through exquisite.

SOCIAL STUDIES

This week the students will be continuing the unit on Great Deserts. The students will be studying deserts in Africa, Australia, Asia, North America and South America. They will be learning about the physical features of each desert and the living creatures that inhabit these harsh places.

SCIENCE

This week we will continue our Circulatory system unit. We will investigate which blood types can safely be mixed. We will also test our own blood types. We will then learn about diseases of the circulatory system and how they can be prevented. On Friday we will dissect hearts. There will be no homework this week.

SPANISH 1A

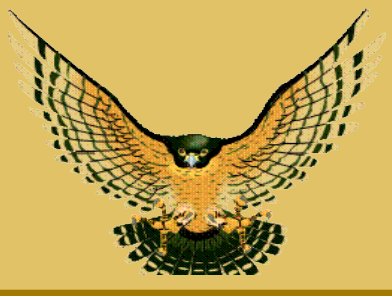
This week in Spanish class, we will be studying the following: recognizing where Spanish is spoken on the world map, identifying Spanish speaking countries on the map, saying where we are from and asking one's country of origin. We will also be reviewing numbers and days of the week. Homework will be in the form of handouts. Please don't hesitate to email me if you should have any questions. ¡Gracias!

MATH 8/7

The Section One test is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 23rd. Due to TerraNova and MAP testing, students will have a lighter homework load. This week, students will learn about adding, subtracting, and multiplying fractions. We will also discuss fractions, percents, and mixed numbers. Since we are in the review stage of the year, we will occasionally complete two lessons in one day.

PRE-ALGEBRA

The Section One test is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 23rd. Due to TerraNova and MAP testing, students will have a lighter homework load. This week, students will learn about calculating area and perimeter of combined polygons, rational numbers, divisibility tests, reducing fractions, and using the coordinate plane. Since we are in the review stage of the year, we will occasionally complete two lessons in one day.



SEVENTH GRADE

LANGUAGE ARTS

The seventh graders will continue their Essays and Speeches Unit and write a personal narrative. This assignment is due September 20. The spelling quiz Friday is over the words diagram through mosquito.

SOCIAL STUDIES

This week we will be looking at American Imperialism. The students learn about the Panama Canal, Teddy Roosevelt and his foreign policy. This week the students will begin work on their U.S. Imperialism paper. Information on this paper will be given out on later this week.

SCIENCE

This week we will continue our Cell Division unit. We will discuss Meiosis and how it compares to Mitosis. We will begin learning about DNA, we will study the structure of DNA. We will also study DNA replication and protein synthesis. There will be one night of homework this week on Thursday.

SPANISH 1B

This week in Spanish class, we will review the verbs *tener* and *gustar*. We will also review food vocabulary to help us talk about our food preferences. Students will also be working with Level 1, Unit 2 of Rosetta Stone. Homework will be in the form of handouts (due Friday only). Please don't hesitate to email me if you should have any questions. ¡Gracias!

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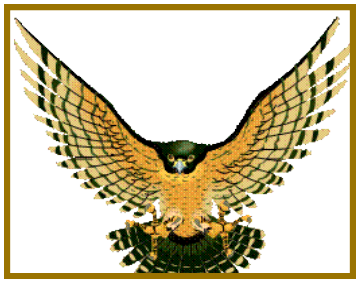
ALGEBRA I

This week we will be learning about the following topics: unit analysis and evaluating expressions. Because of testing this week we will not be completing homework on those lessons until Thursday night and Friday in class. Your child will know all of the problems assigned on Thursday night. Please encourage them to stop after completing 12 problems. We will finish the rest of the problems in class on Friday. Our first test is currently scheduled for Friday, September 23.



EIGHTH GRADE

LANGUAGE ARTS

In eighth grade, we will continue our Short Fiction Unit and write a period narrative, where the style and content of the piece mimic writing from a particular literary period. This assignment is due September 21. The spelling quiz this week is over the words curiosity through literate.

SOCIAL STUDIES

This week we will be looking at Gandhi and the Partition of India. The students should expect some reading this week.

SCIENCE

This week we will finish our Motion unit. We will look at real world examples of uses of speed and velocity. We will then review for our test on Friday. There is no homework unless students didn't finish the activity from last week, then it will be homework due on Tuesday.

SPANISH 2

This week in Spanish class, we will be focusing on the many uses of the verbs *ser* and *estar*.. We will also be practicing how to talk about normal activities we do during the week and places where we go. Homework will be in the form of handouts. Please don't hesitate to email me if you should have any questions. ¡Gracias!

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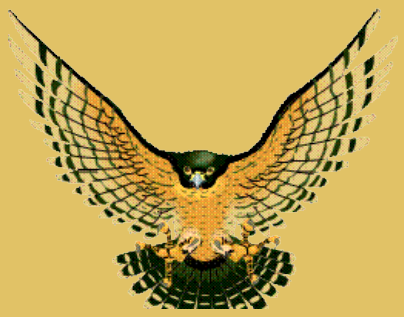
This week we will be learning about the following topics: angles, measuring segments, and constructions. Because of testing this week we will not be completing homework on those lessons until Thursday night and Friday in class. Your child will know all of the problems assigned on Thursday night. Please encourage them to stop after completing 16 problems. We will finish the rest of the problems in class on Friday or the following week. Our first test is currently scheduled for Friday, September 30.