

## 7th Grade Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into our sixteenth week of school, we have a lot to look forward to! Thank you for being supportive of students and helping to encourage STAG behavior!

### ELA

Students have begun outlining their two body paragraphs for our informative essay. They should have turned in an introduction paragraph this week. The goal is to turn in a completed 4 paragraph essay by the end of next week. **Please check in with your child to ensure that they are on track with their essay so far. If that is *not* completed, they should be working on it over the weekend.**

**Grades:** Please encourage your child to check PowerSchool regularly. A zero in the gradebook is used as a **placeholder** for missing work *unless* otherwise stated in the comment section of the assignment. Students *are allowed* to revisit their summary writing and make revisions based on my feedback that was returned to them. Please reach out if you have any questions!

### Math

We are beginning our new unit on **Arithmetic Operations**, which includes *all Rational Number Operations*. This is a challenging and very important unit—students must stay engaged both in class and at home. If students fall behind, skip homework, or do not participate, they will likely struggle as the concepts build quickly. Please keep an eye out for **Concept Checks**. These short assessments are a great way to see how your student is progressing and where they may need extra support.

### Accelerated Math

Accelerated students are starting **Unit 3 – Proportionality**. While this unit focuses on graphing skills and introductory algebra, we will continue reviewing Rational Number Operations each week through **Math Circuit** to keep those skills strong. We definitely don't want them to lose that foundation!

### Science

In Science this week we completed the second quarter midterm exam, and the second quarter midpoint lab notebooks checks are underway. We are now starting a unit on phase changes of matter, exploring phenomena such as melting, freezing, condensation, and evaporation.

### World History

We will be finishing up Percy Jackson and Ancient Greece next week. Our next unit is about the Roman Republic. One more unit and we will be entering the Common Era.

## Electives

**Sustainable Science:** This week students finished up their Christmas ornaments, made puppy chow and chocolate covered Christmas pretzels. We will be creating and decorating sugar cookies and homemade Chex mix next week! Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all of you!

Ms. Smith

## Woodshop:

**Spanish:** Students are welcome to bring in the food that they researched on **Monday, December 15th**. This is OPTIONAL. Some kids also asked if they could bring in store-bought food (ie chips & salsa). They are welcome to do that. We will be watching a movie in Spanish before the holiday break to practice our skills.

**Art:** As we head into our final week before winter break, the art room is buzzing with energy! Students are busy like creative little elves, designing snowflakes, building gingerbread houses, crafting ornaments, and even dreaming up their own festive projects. It's a joyful, imaginative time of year, and our classroom is full of color, inspiration, and holiday spirit.

This week, we're focusing on planning, craftsmanship, and exploring new skills. Many students are trying their hand at sewing, while others are constructing 3D forms through cardboard sculpture. I'm encouraging everyone to challenge themselves, whether by testing a new technique, refining their details, or pushing their creativity just a little further.

Above all, I'm reminding students to enjoy the creative process. This is a wonderful time of year to express yourself, make something meaningful, create a gift to show someone you care, and appreciate the fun of making art during this cozy season!

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope your family enjoys a restful, creative, and joyful winter break!

Warm wishes from the KMS Art Studio! ❄️ ✨

**Choir:** The Kingsley Choir concert is next Thursday, December 18th, at 7 pm in the high school gym!

## Updates

- **Hygiene:** Please make sure that your child is taking a shower, putting on clean clothes, and wearing deodorant EVERYDAY. If your child has PE or Body Mechanics, then an extra stick of deodorant may be necessary to keep in their gym locker or

backpack. Now that the windows are closed for the winter...our rooms are unbearably stinky and it makes for an uncomfortable learning environment. Thanks for your support.

- **Ski Club members:** Reminder that on December 14<sup>th</sup>, ALL ski club participants will have rental fitting from 9am-4pm and assessments at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. Only Snow Club members who participated last year are allowed to do their skills test and participate on the mountain that day. Tests are at 1pm, 2pm or 3pm. Any new participants to the Crystal school program start on January 8th.
- **PTO Update:** The PTO is looking for volunteers. Attached below is a flyer with information!

### **Other Dates to Know**

- December 18: Winter Choir Concert 7pm HS Gym
- December 22-Jan 2: Christmas Break-No School
- January 23: End of 2nd MP
- January 23: MS Glow Dance

**Have a great weekend!**

**- 7th Grade Team**