

7th Grade Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into our eleventh 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 will continue in their partner lesson, reading an interview about how the son of a migrant farmer was able to overcome adversity and make his dreams of becoming an astronaut come true. Students should be submitting a partner summary this week - for this assignment, they draft ideas for their summary paragraph together BUT are in charge of typing and submitting their own copy. We will also introduce phrases and clauses this week, to start our second grammar unit; they should expect a short quiz on Friday to check for understanding.

Math

Students are continuing work in **Chapter 2 – Fractions and Integer Addition** (yes, that means negative numbers!). Completing independent practice (homework) will be essential for success. If you don't see your student working on math homework a couple of days each week, that's a good reason to check in. **Concept Check – Long Division** on **Wednesday**.

Accelerated Math

Students are already wrapping up **Chapter 2** and can expect a test soon. This class moves quickly, so students should expect frequent Concept Checks to monitor understanding.

Science

ThIn science we are exploring the concept of energy transfer and its relationship to heat.

World History

Ancient India- . We finished up the unit last week, but spent this week reviewing the critical information in cooperative learning groups of 3-5 students.

Unit Quizzes- These tests are open-book and I ALWAYS encourage students to look up the answer if they are unsure. Please check Powerschool to see how your child did on their last unit test. Many students are rushing through the tests and not taking the time to look up the answers. The tests are not timed and they can have additional time if needed.

Early Civilizations of China- Next week we'll be learning about the geography of China and the Zhou Dynasty.

Ancient Greece - Next week all of the 7th graders will be starting *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. They will be expected to read a chapter a day (approx. 15 pages) and will be given the first 10 minutes of World History class and free time (when their work is completed) in their other core classes to read daily. Attached is our reading schedule/book log. Please check in with your child regularly to make sure they are staying on track. We will be taking a few quizzes along the way. If your child is a struggling reader, I have extra copies of the book and would be happy to send one home so that you can enjoy the book together in the evenings.

Fun Fact: In a recent study students who read an extra seven minutes per day in class had substantially higher reading rates than other students. **Those minutes add up to an additional 160,020 additional words read in each school year.** Reading volume is more important than even cognitive ability in building knowledge.

Electives

Sustainable Science: Students tackled homemade bread and butter this week along with continuing their sewing projects. Next week we'll make rice crispy treats and homemade cinnamon rolls.

Woodshop: 7th Graders are participating in "Games Week" where students will be creating their own wooden games to play!

Spanish: 7th grade: We are learning how to tell time using subtraction. This is similar to English when we say "It is 10 to 2".

Art: Students just finished Doodle for Google! Students were so creative and did an amazing job, check in with your child about their work!

Updates

- The PTO is currently sponsoring a Spirit Wear and Sock Sale. Orders can be submitted by forms from the middle school office OR via the link below. Orders are due by November 24 and payment is due at the time of ordering. Orders will be delivered by December 15! Thank you for supporting our KMS students!! [Sock Sale Orders](#)

- **Ski Club:** For those interested in ski club: All sign ups are ONLINE and must be completed by November 21st (Friday before Thanksgiving). Ski club starts January 8th and will be every Thursday after school at Crystal Mountain. There are rental fittings on Sunday, Dec 14 from 9am-4pm at Crystal Mountain. No sign up required to attend. There are also skill assessments at 1, 2 and 3pm on December 14th for RETURNERS or those who have experience skiing/snowboarding. You must sign up for an assessment if you plan to attend. To start the sign up process for ski club, use this information sheet:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18lnjVFp9E6TRgMzqtDhQTRM5uZQFwYDDst3FQibdyEE/edit?usp=sharing>

That info sheet should answer all of your questions. PLEASE READ IT!

However, see Mrs. Acosta in Room 17 at the Middle School if you have any further questions. Her email is aacosta@kingsleyschools.org

Other Dates to Know

- October 31: End of Marking Period 1 & Quarterly Celebration

Have a great weekend!

- 7th Grade Team