

## 7th Grade Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into our fourteenth 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 to plan for their informative essays on "What it means to overcome adversity." Please check in with your child to see if they have finished or almost finished our planning packet!

Next week, we will begin to draft and write the introduction and body paragraphs.

**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

Students are wrapping up **Chapter 2 – Addition of Integers and Fractions**. We will begin reviewing on Monday, so you should expect to see your student practicing at home. Students can anticipate a test on **Wednesday or Thursday**.

### Accelerated Math

Students are finishing **Unit 2 (Chapters 2 & 3) – Rational Number Operations**. They should also expect at-home practice and a test on **Tuesday or Wednesday**.

### Science

This week in science we are discussing solutions, solutes, and solvents. Next week we will begin our mid quarter lab notebook checks and will complete our Quarter 2 midterm exam.

### World History

This week we started our unit about Ancient Greece. We discussed the similarities and differences between Athens and Sparta and will be studying the Peloponnesian War next week. Everyone seems to be loving our Percy Jackson novel and many students have talked about reading the next book in the series (The Sea of Monsters). This might make a great Christmas gift for your child if you are looking for ideas.

### Electives

## **Sustainable Science:**

**Woodshop:** 7th grade will be working on holiday ornaments starting on Monday Dec 8th. If you are able, please send a small school picture with your student for their ornament.

I will be hosting before school open shop time for current 7th grade shop students once or twice a month. This will be extra time to work on their projects and develop their woodworking skills. Our first open shop will be this Tuesday December 9th from 7:20am until 8:15 am. If your shop student would like to attend, you can drop them off at the main entrance and they should check in with Mrs. Moen before going to the shop. There is a sign up sheet located in the shop for students who would like to attend.

Let's make some sawdust!!

**Sustainable Science:** Students have been creating hand sewn Christmas ornaments in class. They are looking great! This last week we started our Christmas unit by making homemade hamburger helper (Thank you to Wagner Farms for donating the meat) and homemade chocolate chip cookies. We will continue our Christmas unit next week making Chocolate covered pretzels and sugar cookies.

**Spanish:** Students are learning how to say different fruits/veggies etc in Spanish. They should have their Spanish dish chosen by now. They 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.

**Art:** The KMS Art Studio is finishing up current projects and stepping into our winter art unit...complete with snowflakes, cozy themes, and seasonal celebration! Our first project, after some classes wrap up previous projects is a traditional six-fold snowflake method, building important fine-motor and design-planning skills along the way.

You can expect several artworks to come home until winter break. They make wonderful additions to your seasonal décor or heartfelt handmade gifts. Please take a moment to view and display your child's work...it means so much to them to have their creativity supported at home.

We will also be sending home optional information on purchasing student artwork through Artsonia for holiday gifting. Participation is completely voluntary, but it may inspire a unique gift idea.

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## **Updates**

- 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.
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### **Other Dates to Know**

- November 26-26 (Wed. - Friday): Thanksgiving Break - No School!

**Have a great weekend!**

**- 7th Grade Team**