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CHATFIELD SCHOOL

Eighth Grade Newsletter

New Quarter=New Expectations

First Quarter Ends

The first quarter ended on November 11th and report cards will be sent home on the 18th. Conferences will be held on November 21st and 22nd after school. The sign-up sheets are in the hallway near the multi-purpose room.

New Quarter- Higher expectations

In order to prepare our 8th graders for high school, we need to make some changes for 2nd marking period. As of next week, we will be holding the 8th graders more accountable for their assignments. We are expecting that students keep track of homework assignments, use the provided planners, turn in homework on time, and keep their binders organized. We will no longer be accepting late assignments. If an assignment isn't completed on time it is a zero.

After School Meetings

Parents, if you are interested in discussing your son/daughter's progress, please schedule a meeting with us ahead of time. After school, we usually have students in our classroom who we

have pre-arranged time with to assist them in their studies. We are finding it difficult to meet with them when we have parents stopping in unannounced. Thank you for your understanding.

Science Intensive Study

The 8th graders did an amazing job of working with the kindergarteners and 1st graders last week! They culminated their science study by walking the younger students around to different graph stations and assisted in answering questions that pertained to the graphs.



Academically Speaking

In Language Arts, we are reviewing adjectives, persuasive writing, and figurative language. We are currently reading the Outsiders as a whole group novel. We are also reading the small group novels. Students should be keeping up with their daily assignments pertaining to their novel.

In Social Studies, we will continue our focus on the battles of the Revolutionary War.

In Science, we are learning about atomic structure and the Periodic Table of Elements. This week we will be performing labs that will assist with the understanding of how and why

the periodic table of elements is organized.

Students should always have with them a silent reading book from home or from the library. We do not build this into a set time of the day however; we encourage them to find 15-20 minutes throughout the day and again at home to focus on independent reading. At the end of each month, students are required to complete a silent reading book project. Ideas for the projects are posted in the classroom.

Chatfield School Website

Please use the website to check for important school updates and find out the great things happening in our classrooms.

Weekly newsletters and The Chat are also posted.

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