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CHATFIELD SCHOOL

Eighth Grade Newsletter

New Quarter=New Expectations

First Quarter Ends

The first quarter ends 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 sheet is in the office.

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

Students will be doing an intensive study with kindergarten and 1st grade this week every day from 10:00-10:55. The 8th graders will be conducting experiments and making weather instruments in centers with the younger students, while teaching weather related concepts.



Academically Speaking

In Language Arts, we are discussing reading strategies and discussing different types of nouns. On Thursday, we will be reviewing the concepts that we have covered so far in grammar for a quiz on Monday. We will begin our large group novel on Monday, the Outsiders. We will begin by introducing this novel with a quick write about "prejudice".

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

In Science, we are learning about atomic structure. This week we will be conducting flame spectrum tests, identifying different

salts by the color of their flame and the differences in their spectrum seen through a spectroscope.

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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