



Seventh Grade Newsletter

October 13, 2025


News and Events

 Thank you to our chaperones for the Belle Isle trip! We had beautiful weather, no bike troubles, and lots of support. We couldn't do these trips without you. Please see the new photos added to the album here: Photo Album [link](#)

 Pure Michigan payments were due last week: \$75 for students/\$100 for chaperones. Please send in your payment this week if you haven't done so already.

Candles will be delivered Tuesday, October 14. Please make arrangements to pick them up at the end of the school day in the Commons.

Late work is due by Monday, October 20 to be eligible for Fun Friday on Friday, October 24. That is the last day of Quarter 1. Fun Friday will be held on Chatfield's campus-outdoor games if weather permits. Students with missing work will have time to complete those assignments.

 The Mendel's Greenhouse fundraiser will begin on Monday, October 20 and end on October 30. Wreaths and poinsettias will be delivered the week before Thanksgiving, just in time for holiday decorating!

Friday, October 24 is the last day of Quarter One! Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am, and report cards will be sent home the following Friday, October 31.

Curriculum Notes

ELA: Students will review how to write a response to literature. This essay format can be modified to fit several other genres of writing as students progress through high school. At Chatfield, all three middle school grades utilize it. In reading, we will continue with [Red Scarf Girl](#).

Social Studies: Students are finishing the Themes of Geography lessons. There is a vocabulary quiz on Thursday. On Friday, they will begin learning about histograms.

Science: We will begin Investigation 4 about kinetic energy. Students observe expansion and contraction of solids, liquids, and gasses, and explain the phenomena in terms of kinetic theory—the constant motion of particles. **For Investigation 5, we are collecting materials such as bubble wrap, packaging, cardboard, and other items that could be used as insulation.**

Second Step Lessons

In this week's lesson, your child will identify a goal they want to work on, anticipate roadblocks, and develop an If-Then Plan for their own goal.

Think of a time you achieved a big goal, such as learning to drive or graduating from school. Tell your child about your big goal and some of the smaller goals you needed to finish in order to achieve it. Ask your child to tell you about a goal they have.

In next week's lesson, your child will put their knowledge about overcoming roadblocks into action by giving advice to a sixth-grader who is struggling to learn something new.

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