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Newsletter

November/December 2023
Jasper Middle School
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School-Wide News

Chromebooks

Students should be charging chromebooks each night, so they are prepared for school the next day.

Dates to Remember:

- 11/1 - 11/17 can food drive
- 11/7–Teacher Inservice Day; Election Day (no school for students)
- 11/14- Fall Picture Makeup Day
- 11/14-Parent Academy
- 11/20–11/24–Thanksgiving Break
- 12/21/23-1/3/24- Christmas Break
- 1/4/24- students return from break
- 1/5/24- report cards

Academic Updates- ELA

As we continue to learn to write five paragraph informational essays, we will focus on and write about the First Thanksgiving. Through various sources of information, students will practice writing well-developed sentences, identifying main ideas, and using key details as text evidence. Students will develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and/or other examples about the First Thanksgiving. We will work on prepositions and interjections in grammar. During December, students will begin exploring the narrative writing genre. We will develop the complete story while focusing on sensory details and dialogue to express the character's point of view. In grammar, we will cover figurative language. Students should remember to complete their 2 Reading Plus reading lessons each week to 80% or higher. Don't forget to keep reading with your kids every day!

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Academic Updates- Math

We are continuing Unit 3: Building Conceptual Understanding of Multiplication and Division with Whole Numbers. We have spent a few weeks practicing how to solve multi-digit multiplication problems using a variety of strategies (area model, partial products, and standard algorithm). We are now transitioning to solving multi-digit division problems by two-digit divisors that are less than 25. Students can choose the strategy that works best for them to solve. Please have your student practice their multiplication and division facts. Thank you for your continued support.

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Finding Programs:

At JMS, our students use many great online programs to enhance and reinforce their learning experience (Canvas, Reading Plus, IXL). All of these programs are accessible through Clever. When students log in on their school chromebooks, the program automatically directs them to Clever. Once they are logged in, they can access all programs without the use of an additional login.



Academic Updates- Science

In November, we will continue to study Life Science, focusing on Standard S5L2. This will involve students asking questions to compare and contrast instincts and learned behaviors, as well as comparing and contrasting inherited and acquired physical traits.

In December, we will continue in Life Science, moving into Standard S5L3, where students will obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to compare and contrast the parts of plant and animal cells.

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Academic Updates- Social Studies

We will be moving into Unit 5 and covering the following:

Unit 5: The Great Depression and The New Deal

- The Stock Market Crash of 1929
- The Dust Bowl
- Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Soup Kitchens
- The New Deal
- The Works Progress Administration, Civilian Conservation Corps. and The Tennessee Valley Authority
- Duke Ellington, Margaret Mitchell, and Jesse Owens

Then, we will move into the following:

Unit 6: World War II

- German aggression in Europe and Japanese aggression in Asia
- Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima, D-Day, VE and VJ Days, and the Holocaust
- Franklin D. Roosevelt, Joseph Stalin, Winston Churchill, Hirohito, Harry S. Truman, Benito Mussolini, and Adolf Hitler
- Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and the Atomic Bomb
- Rationing and changing roles of women (Rosie the Riveter) and African Americans (The Tuskegee Airmen)
- Eleanor Roosevelt and the United Nations

Study guides are sent home with my students a week before test time.

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Infinite Campus:

How to check student
attendance and grades:

(<https://campus.pickens.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/pickens.jsp>)

If you need assistance, please email:
parentportal@pickenscountyschools.org

Yearbook!



Make sure to buy your JMS Yearbook.

1. Go to Jostens.com
2. Go to Find My School
3. Type in Jasper Middle School
4. Click on Jasper Middle School (Jasper, GA)

Education Success Tip!

Reading at home for just 15 minutes a day can help students tremendously in school. Encourage your child to take a break with a book!

School website:

<https://jaspermid.pickens.k12.ga.us/>