



# 6A

## Newsletter

September 2023  
Jasper Middle School  
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### School-Wide News

#### Chromebooks

Students should charge their Chromebooks each night, so they are prepared for school the next day.

#### Dates to Remember:

**September 1:** Digital Learning Day

**September 4:** Labor Day

**September 13:** JMS Annual Title 1 Night

**September 15:** JMS Fall Fundraiser Ends

**September 18-22:** JMS Fall Break

**October 6:** JMS Progress Reports

**October 10:** JMS Fall Pictures

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### Academic Updates

**ELA** - Sixth-grade students are currently in the informational unit for Language Arts. In this unit, we read and analyze informational texts while focusing on the main idea and supporting details, summarizing, text structure, research, and making inferences. We will focus on constructed responses and informational essays for our writing standards. In class, students are reading Zane and the Hurricane or The Cay.

Students are responsible for ELA morning work. Many students complete this work during homeroom, but if students are unable, they should complete it at home. Our morning work typically consists of a short passage and two questions. Students also are reading a book of their choice. Please remember all students should aim to read for 20 minutes each weeknight.

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**Math** - We continue to explore the world of statistics. Students have been learning how to find the mean of a data set by using fair share, a balance point and an algorithm. We will move on to finding the median, mode and range. Later in the unit, we determine the best graph to use when displaying data and how to create those graphs. The unit ends with reading and interpreting data from graphs. Our next unit introduces students to relevant connections through number system fluency. Our next unit begins with building fluency with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Students can perform operations with multi-digit decimal numbers fluently using models and student selected strategies.

Please remember that students have their spiral review to work on each night. Students receive the weekly review on Friday for the following week from their homeroom teacher. Many students are completing this during homeroom but please check with them to make sure it is completed before they come to school.

The spiral review is designed to review those skills that have been covered so students maintain an understanding throughout the school year.

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### Finding Programs:

At JMS, our students use many great online programs to enhance and reinforce their learning experience (Reading Plus, Newsela, CommonLit, IXL, Canvas, etc.). All of these programs are accessible through Clever. When

**Science** - We have had a great start to our semester. We have learned about the different structures in the universe (galaxies, nebulae, stars). We are now preparing to look into the origins of the universe and the evidence that has led scientists to accept the Big Bang Theory.

You may call or email me if you need to contact me for anything. My email is:

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**Social Studies** -

For September, we will continue with our world studies of Europe. We finished our unit on the physical and political geography of Europe and the unit covering the environmental factors within the country. Our first Unit Test will be Wednesday, September 6th. The unit study guide was sent home with students on Tuesday, August 29th. Following the Unit 1 Test, we will learn about the impact of location, climate, natural resources, and population distribution in Europe. Following that, we will look at selected cultural characteristics of Europe. We will look at the diversity of languages spoken in Europe and identify Europe's major religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Please remember I do not assign homework. If your child is absent or needs to catch up during class, they can work on missing assignments at home.

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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.

## 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](mailto:parentportal@pickenscountyschools.org)

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## Yearbook!

The logo for Jostens, featuring the word "Jostens" in a stylized, cursive font with a registered trademark symbol.

**Make sure to buy your JMS Yearbook.**

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- 2. Go to Find My School**
- 3. Type in Jasper Middle School**
- 4. Click on Jasper Middle School (Jasper, GA)**