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Newsletter

March 2024
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:

March 1: JMS Field Trip Final Payment Due

March 12: Digital Learning Day

March 15: JMS Progress Reports

April 1-5: JMS Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

April 9: JMS Parent Academy

Academic Updates

ELA - Sixth grade students will continue working on the argumentative writing unit in Language Arts. In this unit, we will read and analyze informational texts with a focus on tracing and writing claims, supporting claims with text evidence, and analyzing and writing counterclaims. Classes will continue to practice writing responses to constructed response questions, narratives, informational essays, and argumentative essays. Students will continue to read a variety of short stories and their choice books. Please remember all students should aim to read for 20 minutes each weeknight.

Mini lessons containing grammar and vocabulary will be incorporated throughout every unit.

Please remind students to complete their Daily ELA Practice each week. They are given time in homeroom daily to complete the questions. If they cannot complete them during homeroom then they will need to finish them for homework.

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Math - We are finishing up Unit 4: Building Conceptual Understanding of Expressions. In the upcoming unit 5, students will begin to *explore one-step equations and inequalities*. *Students will build their problem-solving stamina. Students demonstrate their ability to solve equivalent expressions and possible solutions for inequalities with nonnegative numbers and solutions.*

Please remember that students have their spiral review to work on each night. Students receive the weekly review on Monday 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 students log in on their school-issued 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.

Science - We are beginning our next unit on soils, minerals, and rocks. We will have several labs, including earthworm dissections the week of March 5th. Permission slips for the dissection will be coming home on Tuesday, 2/27.

Please continue to help out by checking in with your student daily about what they learned and if they completed their work. If a student needs to complete work at home, they may bring their science books home or use the online version (there are instructions on my website if needed).

If you need to contact me for anything, you may call or email me. My email is:

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Social Studies -

We will begin our unit in Canada! We begin with geography, exploring the vast and diverse landscapes including physical features, climate zones, and natural resources. Students will learn about Canada's provinces and territories, capitals, and important landmarks. Afterwards, we will learn about Canadian culture, history, and indigenous peoples.

I do not assign homework unless your child does not finish an assignment in class. If they are absent, please check Canvas and/or email me.

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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](https://www.jostens.com)
2. Go to Find My School
3. Type in Jasper Middle School
4. Click on Jasper Middle School (Jasper, GA)

6th Grade Field Trip

When: Thursday, April 25, 2024 - Leave at 6:00 a.m. and return to JMS at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Chattanooga, TN - Rock City, River Boat Cruise, IMAX, and Tennessee Aquarium

Cost: \$40 Non-Refundable Deposit is due Friday, October 6, 2023

2nd Payment of \$30 is due Friday, November 3, 2023

3rd Payment of \$30 is due Friday, February 2, 2024

4th Payment of \$30 is due Friday, March 1, 2024