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Newsletter

September 1, 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:

- 9/1–Remote Learning Day
- 9/4–Labor Day
- 9/18–9/22–Fall Break
- 10/6–Progress Reports go home
- 10/10–Picture Day
- 11/7–Teacher Inservice Day; Election Day
- 11/20–11/24–Thanksgiving Break

Academic Updates

ELA

This month we will be applying our strategies of identifying main ideas and key details to develop our informational writing. Students will continue to develop their understanding of introductory paragraphs and how evidence develops body paragraphs with appropriate transition words and phrases. They will also work on crafting conclusions to provide a natural ending to their essays. In grammar, we will focus on all types of conjunctions; including subordinating conjunctions and correlative conjunctions. We will begin incorporating Reading Plus into our overall reading strategies. Students will be responsible for two reading lessons per week at 80% proficiency.

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Math

We are off to a great start in math! Our focus for the month of September will be on Unit 2: Building Conceptual Understanding of Place Value Using Measurement and Data Reasoning. In fifth grade, our students learn more about the Base-Ten system focusing on decimals (tenths, hundredths, and thousandths). We practice how to determine the value of a digit by looking at its place within a number. They will learn about the Powers of Ten and how the value can be ten times as much as it represents in the place to its right and one-tenth as much as it represents in the place to its left. Our students will apply this knowledge when calculating conversions in the metric system of measurement as well as the customary system. 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 (ITS Learning, Reading Plus, CommonLit, 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.

Science

We will continue learning about Earth and changes over time. This will include structure and function, cause and effect, systems and system models. We will learn about the impact of Earth's processes on landforms, such as Yellowstone, Providence Canyon, and island formation, as well as how technology can be used to reduce the damaging effects of those processes.

(Georgia Standards S5E1a,b,c.)

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Social Studies

In Social Studies, we are beginning Unit 3: Westward Expansion at the Turn of the Century

- Cattle Trails: Chisholm Trail, Goodnight-Loving Trail and The Great Western Trail
- Inventors and Inventions: Thomas Edison; microphone, phonograph, motion-picture camera, & incandescent light bulb. Alexander Graham Bell; telephone. Wright Brothers; first successful airplane. George Washington Carver; many products using peanuts and sweet potatoes.
- William McKinley/Spanish American War
- Theodore Roosevelt/Panama Canal
- Immigration to the United States (Where did they come from, where did they settle and why did they come)

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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)**
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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/>