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Newsletter

August 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:

August 17: JMS Spirit Wear Fundraiser Closes

August 25: JMS Club Day

August 30: Fall Fundraiser Kickoff

August 31: JMS FIRE Celebration - Kona Ice

September 1: Remote Learning Day

September 4: Labor Day - School Holiday

Academic Updates

ELA - We are enjoying getting to know your students and we are looking forward to a great school year. During the month of August, our ELA classes will begin by reviewing plot elements. We will be watching a series of Pixar short films and reading short stories to learn how to analyze the storyline in order to complete plot diagrams. This will prepare us for our choice reading and our class novel! Once we finish our review of plot elements, we will dive into our Informational Unit. Classes will be reading *Zane and the Hurricane* or *The Cay*, and we will be learning about the importance of credible sources in preparation for a short research project that will take place later on in the unit. We will be doing lots of reading and taking several trips to the media center, as well! We encourage our students to read their library books for at least 15 minutes daily. Mini lessons containing grammar and vocabulary will be incorporated throughout every unit.

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Math - We are excited about this year and the new math standards. Unit 1 will introduce students to the study of statistics by experiencing how to design simple experiments and collect data. The unit begins with identifying what constitutes a statistical question. Students can collect, analyze and display data through a number of graphical representations.

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 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 - Welcome to 6th-grade science! I am Mr. Marler and I will be your child's science teacher this year. As we begin our year, we will be learning about the universe and how it is structured. We will explore things like galaxies, nebulae, stars, and planets. We will also look at theories about the formation of the universe. In the second half of our first unit, we will come a little closer to home and study the planets of our solar system. I am looking forward to a great year with your students!

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

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Social Studies -

Hello, and welcome to Social Studies! I am working hard to learn your child's name as well as a little bit more about him/her. I can truly say I am pleased with the behaviors I have witnessed so far. This is a great group of students!

I do not assign homework. If your child is absent or falls behind during class, he/she can work on missing assignments at home.

For the month of August, we begin our world studies with Europe. We first start with the physical and political geography. Then, we will move into learning about environmental factors within the country as well as the languages spoken, and religions of each area. Finally, we will look at the economic system of Europe.

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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

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