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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

Academic Updates

ELA - We have wrapped up our mini-unit on story elements and are ready to dive into our Informational Unit. In this unit, we will read and analyze informational texts while focusing on main idea and supporting details, summarizing, text structure, research, and making inferences. Our writing unit will be focused on constructed responses and informational essays. We will continue to learn the importance of credible sources as we participate in a short research project. Classes will continue to read Zane and the Hurricane or The Cay. Mini lessons containing grammar and vocabulary will be incorporated throughout every unit.

Students are responsible for completing 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 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 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've had a great start to our semester. We have learned about the different structures in the universe (galaxies, nebulae, stars...) and are now preparing to look into the origins of the universe. We will be doing a few labs that involve spectroscopy, light refraction, and gravitational forces.

If your student is missing any assignments, they are welcome to take their science books home to get caught up. They can also access their textbook online through their Clever account. Directions for accessing the online textbook can be found on my website.

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

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Social Studies -

What a great first month of school! Students are working hard to commit to expectations and learn the *Geography of Europe*. We are finishing up committing that to memory as we move into *Environmental Factors, Natural Resources, and the Religions of Europe*.

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.

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