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# Newsletter

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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  
11/7–Teacher Inservice Day; Election Day  
11/20–11/24–Thanksgiving Break

## Academic Updates

### ELA

What a great group of readers and writers we have this year in 5th grade! We are so excited to work with your child! Our focus for Unit 1 in Reading will be finding an informational text's main idea. Your students will be able to explain how two or more central ideas are supported by key details in a text. They will also be able to draw evidence to support their text analysis through written responses (CSET). In addition to reading, we are focusing on parts of speech and comma rules. Our word study includes learning to recognize and use different letter patterns for the same sound to make students' reading more efficient and spelling more accurate. Please encourage your students to read their library books for 20 minutes each day. We appreciate your support and encouragement!

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## Math

We are so excited to kick off our school year with your students. We hope that your child has enjoyed the activities that we have done in math this first week. Our focus for Unit 1 will be on investigating the volume of solid figures. In Unit 2, students will be learning about furthering their understanding of place value using measurement and data reasoning. Please have your child practice their multiplication facts at home. Thank you for your 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 begin learning about Earth and changes over time. This will include structure and function, cause and effect, as well as systems and system models. We will learn about the impact of Earth's processes on landforms such as Yellowstone and Providence Canyon and island formation. (Georgia Standards S5E1.a,b,c.)

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## **Social Studies**

We will begin with Unit 1–Connecting Themes, which is not tested, and move into Unit 2–Citizenship, Business, and the Government. Unit 2 covers the Bill of Rights, responsibilities of a citizen, due process of law, the United States Constitution, and the amendment process. We will also discuss the four major sectors of the U.S. economy (households, banks, businesses, and government). We should complete Unit 2 in 2-3 weeks. A lot of good information and videos can be found in Edpuzzle and even on numerous YouTube channels. Please help your child navigate YouTube to ensure a safe experience. Check out History Underground and the Gettysburg History Museum for some great historical content.

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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](mailto:parentportal@pickenscountyschools.org)

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## **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)**
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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!