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Newsletter

January 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:

January 15: JMS School Holiday - NO SCHOOL

February 2: JMS Field Trip 3rd Payment Due

February 6: JMS Parent Academy

February 7: JMS School Advisory Council

February 13: JMS Spring Pictures

February 19-23: JMS Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

Academic Updates

ELA - Sixth-grade students will begin the argumentative writing unit in Language Arts. In this unit, students will read and analyze informational texts focusing on tracing arguments. We will also practice writing claims and supporting claims with textual evidence. Students will also learn to analyze and write counterclaims. Classes will continue to practice writing responses to constructed response questions, narratives, and informational 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 3 Investigating Rate, Ratio, and Proportional Reasoning. In the upcoming unit 4, students begin a *more formal study of Algebra as they move from arithmetic experiences to algebraic representations. Students learn to translate verbal phrases and numeric situations into algebraic expressions, understand like terms, and work with exponential notation.*

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 - As we start the 3rd quarter, we are changing our focus to processes that shape Earth's surface. We will start with physical and chemical weathering and then move into erosion and deposition. We will focus our attention on landforms that are created by the different agents of erosion and deposition. There will be several labs/activities as well as a week-long in-class project toward the end of the month.

As we begin this new quarter/semester, I would invite you 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 -

Since we didn't make it to WWII, the Cold War, and the Holocaust before the break, we will start that this semester! Your student should have already learned about WWI in 5th grade, but we will connect the years between the wars for a thorough understanding.

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