

Mrs. Lee-Despard's Newsletter

March 2019

Dates to Remember:

- Mar. 1: All School Mass
- Mar. 5-7: Accreditation Team Visit
- Mar. 6: Ash Wednesday Mass
- Mar. 8: End of 2nd Trimester
- Mar. 14: All School Mass
- Mar. 15: NO SCHOOL-teacher professional day
- Mar. 17: Spring Concert 2:00
- Mar. 21: ASB Spirit Day -wear green and ice cream sale
- Mar. 22: All School Mass
- **Mar.28: Seattle Art Museum Field Trip!!**
- Mar. 29: All School Mass
- Mar. 29: Early Registration Deadline

This month in class our learning objectives are:

Religion:

- Lenten Themes and Practices
- Discover how sin first entered the world and how to turn away from it.
- Discover how Lent is a journey towards Easter
- Learn about Nicodemus's relationship to Jesus
- Appreciate the connection between faith and healing
- Holy Week
- Easter

Language Arts:

- Read and discuss *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.
- Understand historical significance of the novel.
- Examine the economic and social climate of the 1930's
- Explore impact of point of view
- Discover thematic extensions
- Explore symbolism
- Analyze themes of the novel
- Synthesize the ideas discussed during the entire unit

Vocab:

- Expand both knowledge and use of vocabulary.

Writing:

- Introductory paragraphs-A.N.T.
- Constructing a Thesis Statement
- Supporting ideas with evidence
- Concluding paragraphs-restating thesis and final thoughts to wrap it up
- Editing-grammar, spelling, punctuation
- Peer Editing-experience giving and receiving constructive criticism

Grammar:

- Middle School Grammar Program using mentor texts
- Edit incorrect grammar/conventions Mon.-Fri.

Math:

Course 3:

- Ratios and Rates
- Proportions
- Solving Percent Problems
- Percent Change
- Percent Applications
- Simple Probability
- Angle Pairs
- Angles and Triangles
- Quadrilaterals
- Polygons and Angles
- Reflections and Symmetry
- **Homework help: classzone.com**

Algebra:

- Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions
- Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions
- Complex Fractions
- Complex Fractions
- Solving Rational Expressions
- Solving Systems of Equations
- Linear Systems in Three Variables
- Matrices
- Determinants
- **Homework help: algebra.com and khanacademy.com**

Social Studies 7/8:

U.S. History/Civics:

Essential Questions-

- How does the Constitution protect freedom of expression?
- How Does the Constitution protect Freedom of Religion?
- How has the right to vote expanded since the Constitution was adopted?
- How does the Constitution safeguard the right to equal protection under the law?
- How does the Constitution protect the right to due process of the law?

Social Studies 5/6:

U.S. History:

Unit on Revolutionary America!

Essential Questions-

- What were the first indications colonist were moving toward independence?
- How did changes in British policies in North America cause dissatisfaction among colonists?
- What were the key events that united the colonies and why?
- Where did the ideas expressed in the Declaration of Independence originate.
- What were the comparative strengths and weaknesses of Patriot and British forces?
- What were the factors that enabled the Patriots to win over powerhouse Britian?