Middle School Newsletter

September 22, 2014 **Crown Pointe Academy** **Volume 10 Number 5**

September 22-26

Monday 22:

B: HipPops Apple Smash Crackers/String Cheese

L: Sausage Pizza OR Chicken Fajita Burrito OR Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich on a w/g bun

SIDE:Celery Sticks with Ranch

Progress Reports Sent Home

MS Futbolito 3:45-5:15

Tuesday 23:

B- Apple Baker's Muffin

L- Hot Meatball Sub on a w/g bun OR Spaghetti Marinara w/Parmesan OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich on a w/g bun

SIDE: Steamed Corn

Wednesday 24:

B- Whole Wheat bagel/Cream Cheese

L- Pasta with Zesty Beef OR Cheese Enchiladas OR Chicken Caesar Wrap

SIDE: Glazed Carrots

8th Grade Play Rehearsal 3:45-5:00

Thursday 25:

B- Blueberry Muffin

L- All Natural Cheeseburger on a w/g bun OR BBQ Chicken Sandwich OR Veggie Chef's Salad OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

SIDE: Garbanzo Beans & Cherry Tomatoes

8th Grade Ropes Course Field Trip

MS Futbolito 3:45-5:15

Friday 26:

B- Yogurt/Granola

L- All Natural Hot Dog on a w/g bun OR Cheese Tamale with Brown Rice OR Chicken Taco Salad
SIDE- Blanched Broccoli Florets

8th Grade Play Rehearsal 3:45-5:00

Volunteer Work Night 5:30-8:30

Science with Mr. Graybeal

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Progress Reports go home today. Some students stayed after school last week and got all their missing work in. The sad part is that some students didn't bother with trying to help their grades. Outdoor Lab is coming in October for the 6th grade. We have ten, wonderful parents, signed up for it. The 7th grade will be going to Dinosaur Ridge September 30th , which should be a lot of fun. We need all the permission forms in as soon as possible. The following is a brief schedule of what is happening in science this week.

Science:

6th Grade **- Monday**: Complete handouts. Homework – read pg 39-44.

Tuesday: Quiz on words from "Word Wall".

Wednesday: Review ?'s 1-18 pg 46 in class.

Thursday: Review ?'s 20-26 pg 46-47.

Friday: Review Chapter 1.

Biographies (Typed) are due Oct. 13th – Isaac Newton

7th Grade **– Monday**: Complete handouts. Homework – read pg 34-38.

Tuesday: "Quiz on words from "Word Wall".

Wednesday: Review ?'s 1-15 pg 40 in class..

Thursday: Review /'s 16-24 pg 40-41.

Friday.. Review Chapter 1.

Biographies (Typed) are due Oct. 13th – Dmetri Mendeleev

8th Grade – Monday: Complete handouts. Homework – review ?'s 1-16 pg 40..

Tuesday: Quiz on words from "Word Wall".

Wednesday: Review ?'s 17-23 pg 40-41.

Thursday: Field Trip – No class.

Friday: Review Chapter 1.

Biographies (Typed) are due Oct. 13th – Albert Einstein

It's too late to turn in missing work. The cut-off has come and gone. There still is time this quarter to improve your grade. If you have do poorly on a test or quiz, you may retake it after school but it has to be done before the cut-off.. You make choices daily how you do. Decide now to do the best you can every day and the rest of the year.

Your parents and teachers want you to do your best, so "**the choice is yours**".

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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6th Grade Social Studies

The final for our Geography unit will be on Wednesday. Monday and Tuesday we will be reviewing together in class. We will also begin our Interactive Notebooks this week. The first several things we will look at are the skills and tools needed to study history effectively.

7th Grade Social Studies

We will begin our Interactive Notebooks this week. The first several things we will look at are the skills and tools needed to study history effectively.

8th Grade Social Studies

We will continue developing our Interactive Notebooks this week. The first several things we will look at are the skills and tools needed to study history effectively

All Classes:

- Because of the nature of this class being a Social Studies class, it is expected that students will have homework throughout the year that will require them to have internet and encyclopedic resources available to them on a short notice basis. This means they may need to use the local public library, resources from home, and if necessary using a friend with these things available. I will try to give you as much warning as possible.
- All students need to have their own atlases in class beginning September 2nd.
- I do not return tests and quizzes in the Monday folders to parents. Instead, students will receive them and keep them in their binders so that they are able to study for them for their final exams since almost all of the content on final exams comes straight from their tests.

Continuation Info

Our first meeting will be on October 16th at 4:30 pm. At this meeting we will discuss future meeting times and dates. Please let me know if you can't be there and have a suggestion for consideration. We will also begin our committee work.

Weighted Grades

I do weight my grades for academic classes as follows:
Tests/Projects = 40%

Quizzes/Homework/Classwork = 35%

Notes/Participation/ = 25%

This does make it so that you can't add up their total number of points and divide it by the total points possible and calculate a correct grade. Please email me if you have any questions

Literature with Mrs. Carscallen

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6th Grade

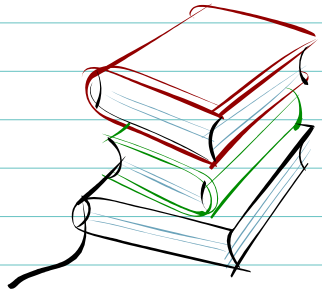
This week we will continue our unit on *The Iliad*. In addition, students will complete assignments in their *Rev It Up* vocabulary workbooks. **9/22/14**: *Spelling Test #3,* **9/23/14**: *Conflict Quiz*, **9/26/14***: Vocabulary Quiz #4,*

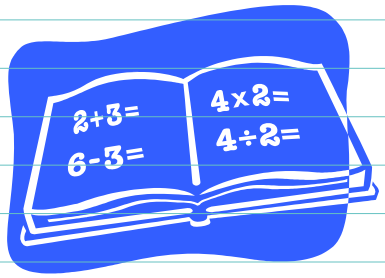
7th Grade

This week we will continue our unit on the play *Cyrano De Bergerac*. Throughout the unit, students will focus on applying literary concepts to what they read. In addition, students will complete assignments in their *Word Wisdom* workbooks**. 9/22/14:** *Spelling Test* #3, **9/24/14**: *Vocabulary Test Unit 1*

8th Grade

This week we will continue to read the novel *The Good Earth.* After every chapter, there will be a short quiz. Therefore, it is extremely important that if a student does not understand, or has any questions about the novel, that they come talk to me as soon as possible. Throughout the unit, students will focus on applying literary concepts to what they read. In addition, this week students will complete assignments in their *Word Wisdom* workbooks. **9/22/14:** *Spelling Test #3***, 9/24/14**: *Vocabulary Test Unit 1*





7th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra, and Geometry with Ms. Wood

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In 7th Grade Math this week we will be finishing up Module 3 with Dividing Rational Numbers. We will then apply what we have learned the entire Module and review for our Unit test on Friday, September 26th.

In Pre-Algebra we will work on variables and equations, solving equations with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We will then work with Operations and Decimals and begin to review Chapter 2. We will take our Chapter 2 Test on Tuesday of next week, the 30th.

In Geometry this week we will combine Algebra and Geometry as we reason using our skills from Algebra. We will then prove statements about segments and angles, and prove angle pair relationships. We will review Chapter 2 on Thursday and take the Chapter 2 Test on Friday, September 26th.

Student Council: Student Council speeches and elections will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd. Students interested in running for Student Council must get an application from Ms. Wood or Ms. Emmett. Applications are due no later than Monday, September 29th.

6th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra with Mr. Armstrong

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6th Grade Math- In math this week, we will continue our investigation of fractions with a review of adding and multiplying fractions. We will also look at dividing fractions and mixed numbers this week.

Pre-Algebra- We are going to Finish Chapter Two by learning operations with decimals. We will review the chapter with a look back at unit conversions, simplifying expressions, and solving equations with different operations. On Wednesday we have a Chapter Two Test! After that, we will start solving two-step equations.

Algebra- We will be learning about applications of proportions and percents and will finish up our week with a Review of Chapter Two

Writing & Grammar with Ms. Emmett & Ms. Murphy

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7th Grade-Monday, we are beginning our narrative writing unit. Students will review the characteristics of narrative writing, read and critique narrative models, and begin the prewriting and drafting stages of their own *personal narrative* or *phase autobiography narrative*. A typed rough draft of their narrative is due on Friday, September 26. On Wednesday, we will conclude our *Peer Teaching Presentations* on the Parts of Speech. Students will also have to complete pages in their grammar skill book.

6th Grade-Students will have the opportunity to re-take the 6+1 Traits quiz in class. We will then start our narrative unit. Students will learn the characteristics of narrative writing, read and critique narrative models, and begin the prewriting and drafting stages of their own *personal narrative* or *phase autobiography narrative*. A typed rough draft of their narrative is due on Friday, September 26. Our grammar lesson for the week will review basic sentence structure. Students will have homework on identifying subjects and predicates in sentences.

8th Grade - It has been a great start to the school year! I have enjoyed getting to know these 8th graders even better and love to read their writing. We finished our review of the 6+1 traits and the writing process, and I feel that this will be an excellent foundation for some great writing this year.

This week, we will begin our new unit on Narrative Writing. Students will be learning about narratives as records of human experience. We will be discussing what makes a story worth reading, and looking at short stories to examine and evaluate those elements.

We will also continue our study on parts of speech with pronouns and verbs.

Just a note: as the first grading period ends, students can no longer make up any work from that grading period. That being said, this is a great opportunity for students to set new goals to get all their work turned in on time from this point forward. I know they can do it!

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

Students can turn their hours in to the basket marked "Return Completed Forms Here" in my room. 1st quarter hours are due October 10th.

Total Middle School Hours Completed: 250

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR HOURS FOR THE YEAR: DOMINIC L.-17, ETHAN S.-16, RYAN B.-12, HUNTER W.-10, AHLINNA L.-20, ELIJAH Q.-61, CAMERON W.-10, Marissa A.-18, Katie H.-26, Justin R.-10, Ciara C.-10, Daisy W.-19.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like ideas of where to volunteer please contact me at bonnie.hughes@crownpointeacademy.org

A note from Ms. Southern:

Need Volunteer Hours?- PTA has asked the middle school to come up with 6 silent auction baskets. The baskets can be made up around any theme. They are due to the school by Wednesday, Oct. 1st.

If you are interested in creating or coordinating the creation of one of these baskets, please email Mrs. Southern at julie.southern@crownpointeacademy.org. You may put together a flyer to include in middle school Monday folders. The flyer will need to be approved by a

- **Community Service Grading**
- 2.5 new hours each quarter in addition to the hours required the quarter before
- To receive a 100%, students should have a total of 2.5 hours at the end of 1st quarter, 5 hours at the end of 2nd quarter, 7.5 hours at the end of 3rd quarter, and 10 hours at the May 11th cutoff date for 4th quarter.
- Until the previous quarter's requirements are met no new credit will be given.
- Students will receive 20 points for each **completed** half hour of service in the quarterly requirement. Additional half hours are credited to the following quarter up to the 10 hour requirement. Once the 10 hour requirement is met the student will receive a 100% for that quarter and all following quarters.
- A log (available in Mrs. Hughes' room) must be completed for each month's service and turned in to Mrs. Hughes' room.
- Partial half hours will receive no credit. Hours turned in after the quarterly deadline will be counted toward the total in the next quarter.