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U C M S NEWS

Week of November 11, 2019



Calendar

Mon. –

Tues. –

Wed. –

Thurs. –

Fri. –

Menu

Mon. – Bosco Sticks, salad, carrots, cottage cheese, pineapple

Tues. – Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, peaches

Wed. – Rotini, garlic toast, salad, broccoli, applesauce

Thurs. – Philly steak, baked beans, waffle fries, pears

Fri. – Pizza, salad, corn, mixed berry cup

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Classroom News:

Sewing Workshop – Christmas stocking Ornament!

All skill levels welcome

3rd grade - adult

Monday, December 9th

3:30-5pm

UCMS Art Room

*Let Mrs. Persinger know before Dec. 6th if you plan to attend!

Mrs. Hertel – 6th LA- This week we continued to work on our personal narratives. Next week, we will finish peer editing, work on “showing” not just “telling” when we write, use our peer feedback to revise our papers, do some final editing, then publish our papers. We have put a lot of work into these!

Mr. Hofmann – 6th SS-6th Social Studies has been finishing up a focus on Westward Expansion. In the coming weeks we will dive into Canada’s geography, history and people.

Mrs. Fields- 6th Math- **Period 2** – We wrapped up a quick unit on converting between fractions, decimals and percent’s this week. We are moving on to discount, sale price, tips, tax, and simple interest next week. All great skills to review before the holiday season! **Period 3, 4, 7** – We wrapped up our unit on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing mixed numbers. We are moving on to percent’s next week!!

Mrs. Beiser– 6th Science- 6th

Learning Objectives: Earth-Moon-Sun Systems 6.ESS.1, 6.ESS.2, 6.ESS.3

Students will explore space some more by traveling from the sun to all the planets. Remember the order of the planets along with facts from the foldable! Be ready to take brain pop quizzes and start a group project. Continue to check power school for assignments and comments on grades. This is NO EXCUSES NOVEMBER!!!

Mrs. Goodwin-7th Grade Business: Students will be working on personal finance this week. Students will make a budget, write checks, and balance a checkbook.

Miss Severance – 7th LA-We continue to work on our research with plans to start writing next week. I'm excited for students to use their research to prove an argument in writing. Students took a vocabulary test on Thursday and will receive their new list next Monday. We also will have Mrs. Lang here on Tuesday to do book talks. This is always something to anticipate.

Mr. Hawkins – 7th SS – 7th Grade Social Studies is now traveling the Silk Road and will be learning about the Eastern Roman Empire and China with some interactive simulations as well as activities. We will learning about trade, economics, and governments along the Silk Road. We will be also sampling some of the foods that would have been available along the Silk Road.

Mrs. Dannaker – 7th Science-We are saying “goodbye” to our Life Science unit and “hello” to our unit on Earth Science. We begin by studying the earth’s movement and composition.

Mrs. Persinger – Art- Mrs. Persinger – 8th Art

We will be exploring the ancient art of illuminated manuscript and creating our own drawing an initial and interests we have to illuminate the initial. We will use colored pencils to master the element of value in adding color to our finished artwork. Sketchbook assignment #4 will be due on Friday, November 15th.

Mrs. Graham 7th Math - All classes learned to graph inequalities on a number line this week as our warm up. We will quiz early next week over this. We will then move on to circumference and area of circles as a warm up. We also spent this week practicing the distributive property. This took a little longer than I thought for students to catch on so we pushed solving equations to next week. PLEASE encourage your student to keep up with homework and focus in class so he/she has good notes and examples to use to help him/her. Thanks for your support!

Mrs. Beiser 8th Science- 8th Grade

Learning Objectives: **8.PS.6**-Compare and contrast physical change and chemical change. Analyze the properties of substances before and after substances interact to determine if a chemical reaction has occurred.

Students are learning the parts of a chemical equation and reviewing proofs of a chemical reaction. A quiz will be taken on Tuesday. Notes, labs, and diagrams over bonds will start on Wednesday. Check power school often to track your progress.

Mrs. Snyder 8th LA - 8th grade ELA classes will be studying Mood and Tone in literature. This coming week, we will also study UNIT 6 of our Flocabulary words. The flocab test will be Friday. We will visit the library on Wednesday.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math- 8th Grade Math- Students are solving multi step equations with variables on both sides.

Algebra-Students are learning about linear relationships.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science- Students have learned how to make electron dot structures and also how to make covalent bonds using dot structures. We will be moving to writing and naming covalent bonds followed by a large wrap-up test over all things covalent bond.

Mr. Taylor – 8th Social Studies- This week we have transitioned back into the battles of the war. As we move forward, we will learn about the inventive moves George Washington makes to enable the Patriots to win a war in the most unlikely of scenarios! The students will soon have a major project assigned, stay tuned!

Mrs. Allbright – Choir- Welcome to November! Kids are working hard on Winter Concert music. Our Concert is [December 16th at 6:30](#) at the high school auditorium. Students need to arrive at the high school [at 6:15](#). Door 29 will be open for them.

7th and 8th grade are continuing to work on music reading abilities. Our focus right now is the pattern of white and black keys that comprise our musical notation. These sharps, flats and naturals affect how we change our pitches when we sing and needs to be both visual and aural when attempting to read music.

6th grade will be choosing classes for next semester as we enter December. I have listened to all of the students that have been to general music and will finish those listening activities with the last group in a couple of weeks. Letters will also be sent explaining choir and how choices are to be made for the start of next semester.

Our last 6th rotation happens Monday. It was great getting to know my last 2 groups of kids. Can't wait to meet the last group.

Mr. Nash- AG- FFA News Livestock Judging Start this week and will be on Thursdays from 5:30 -7:30 pm, Next Chapter meeting will be Tuesday Dec. 3rd @ 3:30 pm

Classroom News: We are still working the FFA Creed and students submitted their own personal creed this week and I am looking forward to reading them all!

Mr. Hardy – Band- 6th Grade General Music: Each week, the 6th grade general music students will be introduced to each instrument they can sign-up to play next semester for 6th Grade Band. The past six weeks, we have learned about the flute, snare drum, clarinet, bass drum, xylophone/marimba, saxophone, trumpet, and trombone. Each Friday we have been playing percussion instruments, working on repeating rhythms, and keeping a steady beat. A new rotation of 6th grade students begins on Monday, November 11. Thanks for the second rotation for being such hard-working individuals!

7th and 8th Grade Band: The members of the 7th and 8th Grade Band have been working hard over the past several class periods. We start out each class period with our concert B-flat exercises, making sure we *always* are playing with a good sound. We spend class time reading music out of our band method book, "Standard of Excellence" (Book 1 for 7th grade and Book 2 for 8th grade). We have been spending the majority of our rehearsal time working on pieces for our upcoming concert in December. **Students should be practicing everyday!** In order to improve on our instruments, we must spend time outside of class working on the music we have been rehearsing during class.

Our first concert for the 2019-2020 school year will be on December 11. Please mark your calendars now!

Mrs. Lathery — Our class has been working on multiplying and dividing mixed numbers and negative numbers in 7th grade. We are also working on our IXL lessons for this quarter and writing in our journals. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mrs. Mastriano- 8th grade Study Skills - We are taking time to have extra practice in identifying character traits and solving math equations.

Mrs. Weaver- SPELL BOWL RESULTS

Congratulations to our Spell Bowl team on their performance at Tuesday's competition. The score was tight all the way, with one point separating Union County and Selma Middle School most of the night. The final score was tied with Selma winning the tiebreaker. This made Selma the finishing first with Union County in second place.

An outstanding showing for our school!

Athletics

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