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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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6TH GRADE

Language Arts: We learned how to write a limerick this week, and students wrote two of their own humorous limericks about Christmas gifts and presents! We also continued our verb unit by learning about some special verb tenses.

- Verb Quiz - Monday, November 24

Social Studies: We finished the first part of our Origins of Civilizations unit. We discussed the change from the Paleolithic Era to the Neolithic Era. Students also were given a study guide, and they will have their Early Humans test next Tuesday. Next week, we will continue the second part of our Origins of Civilization unit by discussing how farming helped to build the first cities.

- Early Humans Test - Tuesday, November 18

Science: We finished learning about weathering and moved into the other parts of the process, erosion and deposition, and how they help to shape the surface of the earth, through picking up those sediments and moving them to new places. We will continue with this material through next week, before we review at the end of next week and take the test on 11/24

- Chapter 3 & 4 Test- Monday, November 24

Theology: The students this week read and discussed the stories of Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel. We talked about how they are stories about the fall of man. Next week we will continue to talk about Cain and Abel and the Tower of Babel.

- Virtue Quiz on Temperance – Friday, November 21

Math 6G1: Students took a quiz and prepared for the end of the chapter assessments. The test will be Monday, November 17. Next week, they will learn about ratios and how to use tape diagrams to show ratios.

- Monday, November 17 - Chapter 2 Test

Math 6G2: Students took a quiz and prepared for the end of the chapter assessments. The test will be Monday, November 17. Next week, they will learn about percents, fractions and decimals and how they relate to one another.

- Monday, November 17 - Chapter 3 Test

7TH GRADE

Language Arts: We compared Robert Frost's poem "A Time to Talk" with a beautiful painting called "Galena" to learn how different forms of media can teach us the same lesson: the importance of making time for friends. Students did a fantastic job digging into both pieces! We also kicked off our Poetry Pairing Project by writing a paragraph explaining how a poet conveys a message through our assigned poems.

- Verb Quiz - Monday, November 24

Social Studies: We continued our Early Native American People's unit. We discussed the rise and fall of the Aztecs and the Incas. Next week, we will continue to discuss the rise and fall of the Incas. Then, we will talk about early North American people and the different regions that they lived in.

Theology: We continued to digest the book of Matthew. We took notes and discussed the first half. Next week we will look at the second half of the gospel

- Quiz Tuesday on Chapter 1-13
- Virtue Quiz on Temperance – Friday, November 21

Science: We finished reviewing Chapter 3 this week and took the first part of the test on the elements and symbols. We will start next week with Part 2 of the test. Then we will be moving into Chapter 4, focusing on chemical reactions.

Math 7G1: Students learned about solving equations using multiplication and division as well as solving two-step equations. Next week they will learn about writing and graphing inequalities as well as solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

- Monday, November 17 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)

Math 7G2: Students learned about graphing linear equations, slope of a line, and graphing proportional relationships. Next week they will learn about writing and graphing linear equations in slope-intercept form and graphing equations in standard form.

- Wednesday, November 19 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)

8TH GRADE

Language Arts: We analyzed a beautiful poem by Gwendolyn Brooks, "Speech to the Young," which encourages us to find joy and live in the moment. Students also practiced citing sources for our Poet Biography project; this is an important life skill, and they did a great job!

- Verb Quiz - Monday, November 24

History: We finished our Constitution unit. Students took their test on the Constitution. Then, we began our George Washington unit. We discussed Hamilton Versus Jefferson, and the precedents that George Washington set in place. Next week, we will continue to discuss Hamilton. We will talk about his financial plan, the First National Bank, and the Whiskey Rebellion. Then, we will do a class simulation where students will get a role and tell me how that role would react to Hamilton's financial plan.

Science: We reviewed this week and took the Chapter 3 test on the cell processes of photosynthesis, cellular respiration, and cell division. Next week, we will be starting Chapter 4, which will be an introduction to heredity and genetics.

Math 8G1: Students learned about the slope of a line and graphing proportional relationships. Next week they will learn about writing and graphing linear equations in slope-intercept form and graphing equations in standard form.

- Monday, November 17 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)

Math 8G2: Students learned about transformations of linear functions and graphing absolute value functions. Next week, they will begin to prepare for the end of Chapter 3 assessments.

- Wednesday, November 19 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.5 - 3.8)
- Friday, November 21 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz Part 2
- Monday, November 24 - Chapter 3 Test

Theology: The students week looked at the Prayer of Process. They are writing an essay about it. Next week, we will continue to look at the importance of prayer.

- Virtue Quiz on Temperance – Friday, November 21