



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**Language Arts:** We learned about sonnets this week. Sonnets are a pretty tough form of poetry, so I was really impressed with the effort everybody put in to learn about and create sonnets. We also studied for our Verb Quiz next week.

- Verb Quiz - Monday, November 24

**Social Studies:** Students took their Early Humans Test. Then, we started discussing the second part of our Origins of Civilizations Unit. We discussed the Neolithic Age, how it transformed into the Bronze Age, and how settlements began to form. Next week, we will discuss the 8 features of civilizations and the history of Thanksgiving.

**Science:** We spent most of the week focusing on how erosion and deposition shape the Earth's surface by moving sediment and creating new land features as the sediment builds up in new locations. We ended the week by starting to review for next week's test.

- Chapter 3 & 4 Test- Tuesday, November 25

**Theology:** We did a couple of STEAM activities revolving around Noah's Arc and the Tower of Babel. The students were given specific instructions to follow to build the arc, and had to build the Tower while barely communicating. Next week, we start talking about Moses.

**Math 6G1:** Students took a test and learned about ratios and how to use a tape diagram to solve ratio problems. Next week, they will learn about ratio tables and use them to solve ratio problems. There will be NO IXL next week.

- Wednesday, December 3 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.3)

**Math 6G2:** Students took a test and learned about percent, fractions and decimals and how they can be changed from one to another. Next week, they will take a quiz and learn about comparing and ordering fractions, decimals, and percent. There will be NO IXL next week.

- Monday, November 24 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.2)

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**Language Arts:** We studied the Emily Dickinson poem “Hope is the Thing with Feathers” and watched the Pixar short “Piper” to compare and contrast the different lessons we learn about hope and perseverance in both. We also reviewed for our Verb Quiz and continued work on our Poetry Pairing Final Project.

- Verb Quiz - Monday, November 24

**Social Studies:** We finished discussing the Incas. Then, we began discussing early Native Americans in North America. The students received their Early Americas Study Guide. Their test will be on Wednesday, December 3. Next week, we will continue to discuss early Native American tribes, specifically with ties to Thanksgiving.

- Early Americas Test - Wednesday, December 3

**Theology:** We reviewed the first half of the Gospel of Matthew, we then discussed the second half of the Gospel. Next week, we will talk about Mark.

**Science:** We are focusing on chemical reactions in Chapter 4. This will include learning to balance equations to follow the law of conservation of mass. We will also look at how reactions can be controlled with catalysts and inhibitors.

**Math 7G1:** Students took a quiz and learned writing and graphing inequalities as well as solving inequalities using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Next week, they will begin to prepare for a quiz. There will be NO IXL next week.

- Monday, December 1 - Chapter 4 Quiz 2 (4.4 - 4.7)

**Math 7G2:** Students took a quiz and learned about writing and graphing linear equations in slope-intercept form and graphing equations in standard form. Next week, they will learn about writing equations in slope-intercept form and point-slope form. There will be NO IXL next week.

- Wednesday, December 3 - Chapter 4 Quiz 2 (4.4 - 4.7)

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**Language Arts:** We looked at effective note-taking techniques and worked on taking notes on the credible, cited research sources we’ve found over the last few weeks to create our Poet Biography Presentations.

**History:** We continued our Washington Presidency Unit. We specifically discussed Hamilton’s Financial Plan. The students got to simulate the plan and show how different perspectives and people thought of the plan. Next week, we will discuss the French Revolution and how this impacted Washington’s presidency.

**Science:** We have had an introduction to heredity and the work of Gregor Mendel this week. We will continue to examine how genes are passed from parents to offspring over the next few weeks.

**Math 8G1:** Students took a quiz and learned about writing and graphing linear equations in slope-intercept form and point slope form and graphing equations in standard form. Next week, they will prepare for a quiz. There will be NO IXL next week.

- Monday, December 1 - Chapter 4 Quiz 2 (4.4 - 4.7)
- Wednesday, December 3 - Chapter 4 Vocabulary Quiz
- Thursday, December 4 - Chapter 4 Test

**Math 8G2:** Students took a quiz and began to prepare for the end of chapter assessments. Next week, they will take the test and learn about writing equations in slope-intercept form. There will be NO IXL next week.

- Monday, November 24 - Chapter 3 Test
- Friday, December 5 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)

**Theology:** We did a deep dive into Decision Point chapters 3 and 4. We have had a couple of really good discussions on the role of Jesus and the importance of prayer. Next week, we will finish up the Prayer Process.