



## OCTOBER NEWS FROM THE SEVENTH GRADE TEAM



**Social Studies:** In the first two weeks of October we will be working on our first major project of the year. This will be our Explorer Reports and students will be working on it in social studies and ELA classes. Presentations of the projects will begin on October 13<sup>th</sup>. After that we will be working on chapter two in our textbook – a look at European Exploration and their encounter with North and South America.

**Math:** We will be working with integers during October. Students will add, subtract, multiply, and divide integers. We will also talk about absolute value, opposites, and placement of an integer on a number line. Students will also be exposed to word problems using integers. Along with integers, we will discuss whole numbers, rational numbers, and irrational numbers.

### **Health:**

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Wow, where have the last 5 weeks gone? I would like to begin by saying you have a lovely bunch of students, I have enjoyed getting to know them all. During the month of September we have discussed the topics; dimensions of health, self-esteem and goal setting. Many tips and hands on activities were utilized to help the students realize they are in control of how they feel. I hope you see the effects at home.

This month (October) we will be learning about the Immune System as the cold and flu season is quickly approaching. We will be watching a great DVD that illustrates how viruses attack our bodies and how our immune system fights back. Your children will also be researching various infectious diseases and reporting on them. This will be the first “big” project; I will need your support from home to ensure the students have success.

***A few questions you could ask them are...***

\*What are a couple examples of how a student could improve his or her self-esteem? (Get enough sleep, surround self with positive people, manage stress, etc...)

\*Ask your student what their goal was and then encourage them to reach it. Ask them what the steps are to setting a goal.

\*What are the three dimensions of health? (Physical, social, mental)

***End of the month questions...***

What are our bodies' defenses to fight germs?

Have them tell you about a couple diseases they learned about through presentations.

Yours in Health, Mrs. Paske

**Science:** We are currently in the midst of the scientific method unit. Students have learned that there is an organized way to investigate our world. The culminating activity for this unit will be an experiment that the students will design, conduct, and present to the class.

**English:** The Explorer Project will be our first topic in October. Students will research a European Explorer and present their findings through one of four creative project choices. We will learn proper documentation and works cited. After we complete that project, we will be reading works by Gary Soto and conducting a mini author study.

A weekly reading called "Monday Readings" and a weekly writing called "Friday Writings" will continue to be assigned. Book Share #1 is due October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Book Share #2 will be a free choice book. All of these assignments are posted on my webpage.

**French and Spanish:** In both classes students have learned how to introduce themselves and how to greet people formally and informally in French and

Spanish-speaking countries. Students have also learned the alphabet, which will be helpful when reading new vocabulary. Students have learned important classroom manners in order to use French and Spanish within the classroom. We have currently started numbers which will lead to our next unit on time.



### **Important Information:**

10/2 – Middle School Dance (7 PM – 9PM at the intermediate school gym)

10/8 – End of 5 weeks

10/9 – Staff Development Day. No school for students☺

10/13 – Fundraising for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade starts, Uncle Jerry's T's.

10/17 – Homecoming

10/29 – Picture Retake Day for Middle School