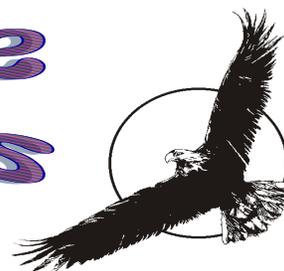


Salem Eagle Expressions

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UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, November 13

11:30-1:45 Adrenaline Zone

Thursday, November 14

Bookmobile

Friday, November 15

Mid-Quarter Reports Sent Home

Friday, November 22

1pm Early Dismissal

November 25 – 29

No School – Thanksgiving Break

THANKSGIVING LUNCH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

11:00 – 12:30PM

You are invited to eat with your child or grandchild during their lunch time. Please see attachment for more details.

ADRENALINE ZONE

Thank you fundraiser sellers! Wednesday, November 13 is the date to go to Adrenaline Zone. See the attachment for all the students who will be going to Adrenaline Zone. We will do the money machine when the students return from Adrenaline Zone. The list for the money machine is also attached.

Thank you again for all your help!

CHAPEL OFFERING 2ND QUARTER

Chapel offering for 2nd Quarter will go to St. Matthews Lutheran School in the city for people in need of food. We will also collect canned goods and nonperishable food items.

Our goal is to collect 2,019 items by December 19. Watch in the school entryway as the canned goods grow. We need your help!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DATES

Reserve these dates on your calendar for the following Christmas Program dates:

Dec. 5: Pre-K and Kindergarten

Dec. 12: 1st – 4th Grade

Dec. 19: 5th – 8th Grade

You don't want to miss it! More information will be coming out as we get closer to the dates.

PALS OPPORTUNITY

Thanksgiving is coming upon us ever so quickly! As we have in the past, we are hosting our annual Thanksgiving Lunch on November 22. In order to pull this off, we are in need of helpers. If you're in need of PALS Hours, please come by the school office and sign up with Mrs. Niehaus.

APPLEBUTTER STILL AVAILABLE

Applebutter is still available in the school office. Quarts are \$7 and Splenda pints are \$5. Stop in to pick yours up today.

5TH GRADE TO CAHOKIA MOUNDS

What an exciting trip! On Wednesday, November 14, the 5th grade class went to the Cahokia Mounds. They had a super opportunity to actually see a real archaeological dig! The archeologist even let the class go inside the mound and see what they were digging for inside the base of the mound. They even held a piece of pottery that was 1,050 years old!

What makes this even more interesting is that this is a rescheduled field trip they were supposed to go on last week but cancelled due to weather. What an opportunity!



OUR PRINCIPAL

MID-QUARTER REPORTS

On Friday, November 15, Mid-Quarters will be sent home with 1st – 8th graders. Please go over your child's grades. Help where help is needed and encourage and praise where grades are great.

Please sign and return the envelope by Monday, November 18.

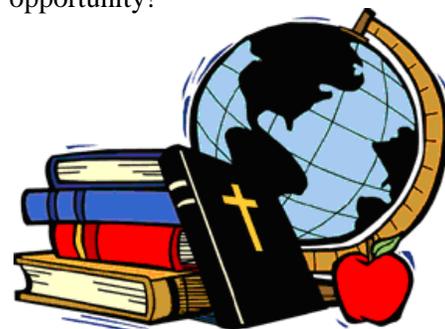
VETERAN'S DAY

November 11 is Veteran's Day. See attachment for a star to cut out and a note of explanation. If you need another star, please visit the school office.

We are so thankful to all our service people for their sacrifices! Thank you!

AR GOALS

AR Goals should be at 50% by Friday, November 15.





OUR TEACHERS

6TH GRADE

Again, it's a pleasure to work with the 6th graders so far this second quarter. In Social Studies, they are finishing with Greece and about to study Rome. They did so well with their Greek City-States and Islands project; I am excited to start grading them.

As for English, they are now studying writing a sentence, which means they have started on their first essay assignment. As they continue to work on sentences and write their essay, I will continue to work with them so they know what to include in an essay. I look forward to grading all of their essays when they turn them in.

In Fine Arts, they are now practicing for the upcoming Christmas production. They are also still working in Minecraft, building a house with a window and a bed now. Their enthusiasm with singing and working in Minecraft is a delight to see.

In Spelling and Vocabulary, they continue to work with worksheets to prepare them for testing. For now, I am giving them their spelling tests orally. Soon, however, we will switch to vocabulary tests, which require them to know both how to spell their words and know their definitions.

As the second quarter continues, I am glad to help develop the 6th grade class so they are prepared for next semester.

Mr. Laleman

7TH GRADE

As Daylight Savings Time ended this week and we gained an extra hour of sleep, you would think that the 7th graders and I would be well rested and ready to go. Unfortunately, it does not seem to work this way. Students came in sleepily on Monday, but worked hard to progress through the first day of testing. The rest of the week seemed a bit smoother as students were reminded of the fact that there is less homework during testing weeks. However, they should be reading for their AR goals at home even when there is no homework. Next week is

mid-quarter so all students should be at 50% of their goals.

The 7th grade is just about finished with "The Westing Game" in Reading class with Mrs. Potter. I have enjoyed seeing their "Wanted" Posters for the book and hearing their predictions of who-dun-it. I have read and taught this book in the past, and I know how hard it can be to keep track of all the details. Nevertheless, this was always one of my favorites to teach and usually one of the favorites of the students as well.

In Science we have finished up Chapter 2 and will be taking a test next Friday. Students have been doing a much better job with keeping up with their work and notebooks. It helps when everyone stays caught up and we are able to progress quicker. Next we will be learning about Cell Division, Mitosis, Meiosis, and Asexual Reproduction.

We have finally gotten started on our Chulily art project, our recycled bottle art. For the next few classes students will be sanding and painting water bottles. Then we will string some of them on wire and use a glue gun to attach the bottles. This will be a sculpture inspired by Dale Chulily's "Fireworks of Glass" found in the Children's Museum in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our first art class involved learning about Dale Chulily, looking at some of his different art sculptures, and learning a bit about what the glass blowing process involves. Some of the students were amazed at the process and what artists can make using the process.

We have begun preparations for the Christmas play. Parts have been distributed and the upper grades are hard at work learning and practicing songs and parts. During this time of year students tend to have a little less work. While this is a nice break from normal routine, it also means that every assignment counts. Please make sure you check their assignment books nightly for work that needs to be completed, and sign that you have checked their work. If we can get them in good habits now, it will be easier for both them and you in the future.

Have a great Thanksgiving season,
Ms. Pena

8TH GRADE

The eighth graders really enjoyed their field trip to Lutheran North for Crusader day. They were able to fly drones, play Bingo, complete an art project, and learn all about what the school has to offer as well as eat pizza, chips, and cookies. Shadowing the high schools is a great way for your child to find the high school in which they belong. Please let me know in advance when your child plans to shadow so that I may provide them with their work so that they do not get behind. I am always happy to fill out any forms required by the high school of your choice.

In Math, the sixth and seventh grade students are working on prime factorization as well as identifying the GCF (greatest common factor) and LCM (least common multiple) of a set of numbers. The eighth graders are learning how to factor polynomials. We have factored out the GCF and are working on factoring polynomials with a leading coefficient of one. We will soon learn how to factor four term polynomials by grouping.

In Reading, the seventh and eighth grade students are enjoying "The Westing Game", a mystery book by Ellen Raskin. We have quizzed on the first nine chapters and have created wanted posters for who they believe the murderer of Sam Westing was at this point in the story. It is a fun book that keeps us guessing every chapter.

During computers, the fifth grade students completed picture stories and are now working on a state Power point presentation. The sixth grade students enjoyed playing a trivia game on Newzbrain and will begin their power point presentations on their favorite books soon. The seventh and eighth grade students are created a presentation on their high school selection process.

Mid-term grades will be coming out this upcoming week. Please let me know if you have any concerns. X-Tra math as always needs to be completed four times per week. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Potter