



Eighth Grade Newsletter

Religion

Ms. Piovane

We begin Chapter 2: "We Make Moral Choices". In this chapter the students will learn that we are responsible for forming our conscience and that God gives us the gifts of forgiveness and grace.

Art

Ms. Hudson

Eighth Graders will compare and contrast the portrait styles of a variety of artists including Picasso, Van Gogh, Matisse, Wood, Velazquez, da Vinci, Vermeer, and Kahlo. In addition, we'll begin our self-portraits by sketching in pencil, outlining in sharpie, and begin adding color with oil pastel and crayon.

Civics and Economics

Mrs. Whitmore

This week the focus of our class will be the 13 Colonies and their early government system. We will make connections on how the early government of the Colonies plays a role in today's government structure.

Literature

Mrs. Schoening

We continue our Narrative Unit with *The Girl with the White Flag*, the true story about an Okinawa girl's survival during WWII. We will focus on different elements of story structure.

Grammar/Writing

Mrs. Schoening

Eighth grade will review nouns as subjects/subject compliments and adjectives in different functions i.e. demonstrative. We will also cover transition words and sentence variation.

Music

Mrs. Smith

Students will construct and create a music video of all the great things happening at PCRS. Even though all of middle school will be involved in this big project, eighth grade students will be a main part in designing the music video. At this time, recorders are not needed during class. However, students

P.E. / Health

Ms. Piovane

In Health we continue to investigate "Stress" utilizing LifeDojo. Please ask your student to share this exciting app with you. Hoop there it is! In P.E. we continue to reinforce our knowledge of basketball and improve our basketball skills.

Algebra

Mr. Zepnikowski

In Algebra, we will learn how exponents affect numbers and how to use the order of operations. We will also look at how big and small numbers can get using scientific notation.

Science

Mrs. Rovenolt

We will graph M and M colors to assess graph choice; pie chart, line or bar. Our first observation lab about density will follow. What floats? bowling balls, oranges or rocks? and Why?

Spanish I

Mrs. Bonilla

It was a pleasure working with such a wonderful students. They are amazing! They are hard working and I can tell we are going to have a great school year. This week, we will learn to give more personal information using numbers 1-100. Tell the time and our telephone number.

STREAM: Science Technology Religion Engineering Art Math

Mr. Baker, Mrs. Rovenolt

We have taken a paper career attitude tests. We will go to the Virginia Virginia Career website (in partnership with Virginia Tech) and check our findings on a very comprehensive computer version. <http://www.vaview.vt.edu>

Geometry

Mr. Zepnikowski

We will learn what a bisector is and how we can find the midpoint and the distance of lines this week. We will continue

should bring their music folders to organize class papers and assignments for this project.

drawing and measuring lines.