

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



September 2022: Welcome Back!

Designed by RLS MS

September Highlights

- 1 Volleyball vs. Magellan 4:00 (H)
- 5 No School (Labor Day)
- 6 Volleyball vs. Montessori 4:00 (H)
- 7 Chapel (8:40 am)
Cross Country vs. Discovery 4:00 (A)
- 8 Cross Country vs. Cary Academy 4:00 (A)
- 13 Volleyball vs. Bethesda 4:00 (H)
- 14 Chapel (8:40 am)
Cross Country vs. Duke School 4:00 (A)
- 15 Volleyball vs. Cary Christian 4:00 (H)
School Board Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 16 Early Release Day (11:30 am)
Cross Country vs. Montessori 4:00 (A)
- 21 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 22 Cross Country vs. Wake Christian 4:30 (A)
- 23 Volleyball vs. Cary Academy 4:15 (A)
- 26 Cross Country vs. Montessori 4:00 (A)
- 27 Volleyball vs. Bethesda 4:00 (A)
- 28 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 29-30 MS Fall Retreat to Camp Agape

- 10/4 Volleyball vs. Montessori 4:00 (A)



But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

-- Isaiah 40:31

Welcome Back!

Welcome to RLS Middle School. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new students and families. We have four new staff members -

- Mr. Daniel Ellis "Coach D" (PE)
- Mr. Tyler Timm (Language Arts)
- Mrs. Jennifer McCuiston (7th & 8th Science)
- Mrs. Stephanie Lee (6th Science) Mrs. Lee is our 4th grade teacher but is new to middle school.

We are excited to start our 2022-2023 school year! We will be taking our middle school students on a Fall Retreat to Camp Agape on September 29-30. This is going to be a great time for team building as well as focusing on our Christian faith. Please send in your Health History form and payment by September 16th.

Mrs. Hester
Administrative Dean

Language Arts

Mr. Timm - tylertimm@rlscary.org

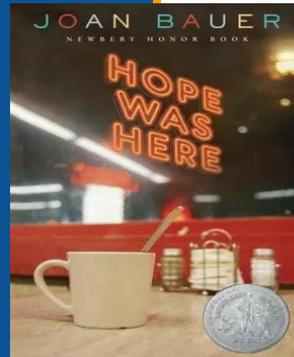
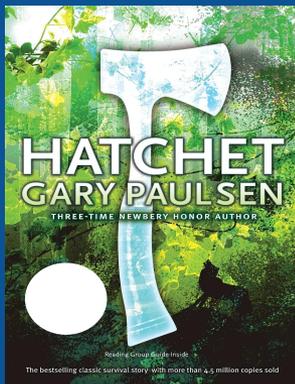
In Language Arts, we've spent the first weeks pre-assessing and now we're starting to study narrative writing.

Sixth grade will be writing their own children's book. Once the book is finished, we'll spend some time sharing them and reading them to the 1st grade classes.

Seventh grade is dabbling in historical fiction. Each student gets to select a historical event that interests them and set a fictional narrative in that time and place.

Eighth grade is authoring short stories! These will end up being 5,000-10,000 words, which allows them to really delve into a story of their own.

I can't wait to see what these amazing student-writers come up with!



Literature Studies

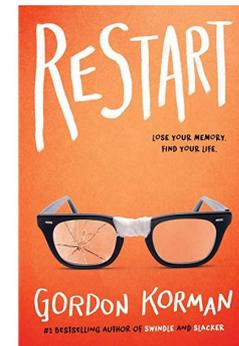
Ms. Valvano- jamievalvano@rlscary.com

Independent reading will be encouraged throughout the year. Book talks were presented in each class, enabling us to compile a wide variety of novel recommendations.

Students have started reading our Quarter 1 novels. All classes are focusing on realistic fiction as we review the elements of plot. Comprehension and vocabulary is reinforced with weekly reading questions.

During the month of September, there will be a focus on literary analysis and accountable talk. Discussions within groups will allow students to clarify, elaborate, and make personal connections with the novels.

Please check google classroom each night to review nightly assignments and due dates.



Math

Mrs. Farmer - amandafarmer@rlscary.org



We've had a wonderful beginning to the school year!

6th Grade Math: During the first unit we have been studying operations with whole numbers and decimals. Our first unit test will be after the Labor Day weekend. After that we will begin our data analysis unit.

Compacted 7th & 8th Grade Math: This year we will be covering all the 7th and 8th grade standards. We started the year by looking at expressions and operations with integers. Our first unit test will be after the Labor Day weekend. Next we will be working on solving equations and inequalities.

8th Grade - Math 1: We started the year with our unit on data analysis and probability. We are also learning how to use our graphing calculator. Your student must have a graphing calculator for this class. In class we will be using the TI-Nspire calculator. Please let me know if you have any questions about the type of calculator your student needs.

Math Help: Come see me on **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays** during lunch in room 242.

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Math

Mrs. Boyle - judyboyle@rlscary.org

6th Grade: So much growth in so little time! Great job. Our first few weeks have focused on divisibility rules, estimation skills, order of operations and properties of numbers. We will finish chapter one with decimal calculations and have our chapter test.

7th Grade: What a great group! The energy and effort are stellar! We just finished estimation skills, calculations with decimals, property of numbers and divisibility rules. We will continue with unit conversions, integer work, order of operations and statistics.

8th Grade: A whirlwind of word problems, multistep equations, and properties of numbers! We continue on with more work in this area plus types of solutions to linear equations. There will be a test next week before moving to squares/cubes and the pythagorean theorem!



7th and 8th Grade Science

Mrs. McCuiston - Jennifermccuiston@rlscary.org

It has been a wonderful start to the year. In both classes we have spent time reviewing and discussing the scientific method, the metric system, and the importance of thinking critically. We reviewed different types of science tools we may use throughout the year and their uses.

In 8th grade we completed our first lab determining the strength of different geometric shapes, we looked specifically at triangles and squares. This lab was then connected to a lesson on how bridges are designed and constructed using the process of scientific inquiry. Starting after Labor day we will begin our first unit on Motion and Energy. We will study the following in the unit: describing motion, the laws of motion, simple machines, sound and light. This unit consists of 4 chapters spread across 13 lessons, we will test after each chapter.

In 7th grade we started working on our first webquest investigating alternative energy sources and utilizing our 21st century skills. This webquest connects to our third and final lesson, a case study about Biodiesel that was created from microalgae. Starting after Labor day we will begin our first unit on Life Structure and Function. We will study the following in the unit: Classifying and exploring life, cell structure and function, from cell to an organism and reproduction of organisms. This unit consists of 4 chapters spread across 11 lessons, we will test after each chapter.

6th Grade Science

Mrs. Lee - stephanielee@rlscary.org

Your students have jumped into our first “Methods of Science” unit with open and hard-working minds. Sixth graders have been learning the scientific method process, converting International Standard Units of Measurement, and identifying significant digits within those measurements. Further, after each hands-on lab, they are applying their science and math skills in calculating the mean, median, mode, and range of the data they collected.

We will complete the first two lab reports of the year together and then students will begin writing these in pairs without teacher support. Be sure to look over their “reference sheet” tab in their binders to view the format.

During the last two weeks of September, we will begin our “Earth in the Universe” unit.

Mark your calendars: On 10/19/22 we will venture out to Morehead Planetarium to support this learning unit. Details to follow via email.

Thank you for sharing your students with me!



Spanish

Bienvenidos a nuestra clase de español con la
Sra. Miller lisamiller@rlscary.org

Middle School Spanish is off to a great start! I'm very excited to teach this great bunch of kids this year!

6th Grade

We began our class with the alphabet and vowels - ask your student how to pronounce the vowels in Spanish and which letter is unique to Spanish.

7th-8th Grade

I'm very excited to share that we have a new textbook and workbook this year. Your student should take their workbook home with them to study and bring back to class each time we meet. An exciting feature about the workbook: your student is able to access audio files to work on homework. The link is on google classroom AfterSchoolHelp.com. We are reviewing the alphabet, vowels and greetings in class - please ask them to share these concepts with you.

!Hasta luego!



Social Studies

Mr Costello
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This is a new year for a social studies scholars to learn about new topics related to World Geography and American History.

6th Grade: Has been dabbling into the World with the five different maps, learning about the seven continents, their oceans, their respected hemispheres, and now have become astronauts or cosmonauts on the International Space Station and writing about what they see looking down onto Earth!

7th Grade: Is picking up where they left off last year and looking at Europe collectively before we break off into its different regions. We looked at Ukraine and its Nuclear Power Plants and students learned the importance of water to cool the reactors. They made a map of Ukraine's NPPs, the rivers that support them, and the how the water cools the reactors!

8th Grade is jumping into the State they call home and are learning about the different regions of North Carolina and its little nuances that make this beautiful State our home. They are creating a Travel Brochure on either the Mountains, the Piedmont, or the Coastal Plains!!

Electives

Art - Ms. Moravec

Middle School Art's current project is inspired by the work of artist Adam Fujita. Students are working on creating the illusion of glowing neon light using paint and chalk pastel!



Keyboarding 101 - Mr. Costello

This course will help students become familiar with the computer keyboard with exercises to help with typing skills. This self-paced elective lets the student advance as they grow in their typing skills and feel more confident. Students are working on the Basics with finger positions for letters J, F, and space keys; U, R, and K keys; D, E, and I keys; C, G, and N keys.

Creative Writing - Mr. Timm

In the Creative Writing elective class, we're studying poetry and crafting haikus, acrostics, epic ballads, and even limericks! After poetry, we'll move on to writing scripts. This class has an emphasis on getting each student to find a form of creative writing they enjoy, while also encouraging them to see writing as a form of self-expression that can be calming and even therapeutic.

Student Aide

The students have been assigned their grade and are getting to know the students in the elementary classrooms.

PE - Coach D

We have had a great start to the year in our unit on hockey. Next we will move into our unit on fitness.

Religion

Religion class is a great way to start off the day throughout the week! We have the opportunity to grow with your students in our relationship with God, seeing how He worked in Bible times and how He continues to work in our lives today. We have a unique schedule this year that lets us see the many ways that God interacts with us. Mondays we gather as the whole middle school in the gym and are then separated into diverse small groups that include a mixture of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Through discussion and activities, the groups dive deeper into a specific faith topic. Tuesdays and Thursdays we are in our own classrooms for instruction and growth in God's action for us and through us. Wednesdays are chapel in the church sanctuary (parents are always welcome!) and Fridays are Fun Friday! with games in the gym. We are beyond excited to soar high in our faith together with these students throughout the year!

National Junior Honors Society

Service Hours: For Quarter one, you need 3 service hours. They need to be turned in by October 19 to Haley Rankin.

Playground Clean-Up and Hand Sanitizer: Make sure to check Google Classroom! There is a Google Sheets with the days that you get to help with playground clean-up and hand sanitizer.

Important Meeting Dates: All meetings during lunch in room 242

Executive Board: TUESDAY September 20th
All Members: Monday, October 6th