

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

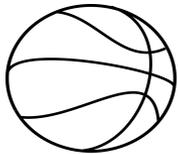


October 2022: Happy Fall!

Designed by RLS MS

October Highlights

- 4 Volleyball vs. Montessori 4:00 (A)
- 5 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 10 Boys Basketball Practice Begins
- 12 Chapel (8:40 am)
EARLY RELEASE DAY (dismissal 11:30am)
- 13-14 Fall Break - NO SCHOOL!
- 19 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 21 EARLY RELEASE DAY (dismissal 11:30am)
- 24 Girls Basketball Practice Begins
- 26 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 28 Halloween Dance TBA
Quarter 1 Report Cards posted in Sycamore
- 31 Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School



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



Camp Agape

Our Middle School Students enjoyed hiking while learning about Geology and Ecosystems at Camp Agape. Students hiked approximately 6.5 miles/15,000+steps on Thursday.



Language Arts

Mr. Timm - tylertimm@rlscary.org

In Language Arts, we are finishing up our Narrative Unit! Students are working extremely hard to finish these writing projects which, in some cases, are longer than anything they have written before!

Sixth graders are writing a Children's Book complete with illustrations that they will read to the first grade classes in a couple of weeks. The stories are finished, but now comes the difficult task of formatting and adding pictures.

Seventh graders are finishing up their historical fiction stories, focusing on a specific time period or event. They are learning lots about their chosen historical period, researching what life was like at that time and placing their characters in the shoes of people who might have really lived.

Eighth grade students are pushing hard to reach their deadline on their 5-10,000 word short stories. It's a LOT of writing for them, but they're gaining significant ownership in their writing and finding their own voice.

There is SO MUCH for these students to be proud of!

Our next unit will be on Persuasive Writing and Argumentative Essays!

Literature Studies

Ms. Valvano- jamiervalvano@rlscary.com

Poetic Perfection

I was blown away by the poetry inspired by our novels that each student created. We reviewed figurative language and poetic devices during the steps of the writing process.

6th Grade: As we near the end of our novel, students will examine the parts of the plot. Personal connections will be made to the themes of survival, hope, and perseverance. Spoiler Alert from *Hatchet*: Brian is rescued:)

7th Grade: Characterization will be a focus as we further discuss how our protagonist transformed. The class will be creating a mural in the hall that highlights the takeaways from the novel. Can we really ever restart?

8th Grade: Grab the tissues because our novel has an emotional ending. Students will dive into the powerful role that HOPE plays in our lives. We will take a closer look at how relationships impact our perspective.

Reading Assessments will be completed in all classes

Math

Mrs. Farmer - amandafarmer@rlscary.org

6th Grade Math: We just finished up our study of data and the different types of plots we can use to represent this data. Now we have moved into our study of variables and expressions. Within this unit we will be working on evaluating expression and solving equations.

Compacted 7th & 8th Grade Math: Currently we are in the middle of our third unit which covers decimals, estimating, and solving equations with decimals. Next we will move into our study of factors, fractions, and all things exponents!

8th Grade - Math 1: We are finishing up our first unit on patterns of change. Next we will be moving into our second unit where we will study the patterns we see in data. Also, to encourage the students to get and stay organized we will be having notebook quizzes. The students need to clearly label and keep their work organized to be successful on these quizzes.

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

8th Grade: Excellent work of the first few chapters. You are working hard and doing great things! Today we began our unit on functions and graphs. This material carries through in the next few chapters. We will be evaluating functions, exploring slope, and working on graphing skills as we make connections between real world situations and their graphic representations.

7th Grade: We have worked very diligently on our foundational calculation skills. One more unit on fractions and then off to writing expressions and solving equations. Keep up the good work! Your positive attitudes are awesome to see.

6th Grade: Our unit on data and graphs is coming to a close. What a lot of growth we have seen. Way to go! Our next few units will introduce the algebraic concepts of reading and writing expressions and solving equations. It will be fun to explore this with you all!

Help is available before school from 7:40-8:15 and during lunch.



7th and 8th Grade Science

Mrs. McCuiston - Jennifermccuiston@rlscary.org

Hello all! I hope everyone is doing well. We have been hard at work these past few weeks and have really been digging into our material. Please remind your student to be checking their Google Classroom nightly. I have also been stressing the importance of reviewing nightly even if there is no assigned homework. I am so happy to be here and am enjoying working with your students every day.

7th Grade

In 7th grade we have been working on our new unit , Life:Structure and function. We wrapped up our chapter on classifying and exploring life. We brought a whole new world to life when we used the microscopes for the first time. We have started working on exploring cell structures and their functions, we will complete this chapter mid month. We will then combine the last two chapters of the unit on the cell cycle, cell organization and the reproduction of organisms.

8th Grade

In 8th grade we started a new unit on describing motion. All the students had fun with our Hot Wheelin lab and worked on collecting data, graphing and calculating their results. We will continue our work with motion as the month progresses. We have started looking at Newton's Laws of motion. Towards the middle of the month we will have our test on The Laws of Motion. We will then begin our chapter on simple machines, energy, and work. I am looking forward to more hands-on labs with these units and applying our knowledge.

6th Grade Science

Mrs. Lee - stephanielee@rlscary.org

Hello sixth grade families!

Your students have been hard at work learning about the Sun - Earth - Moon system. Further, we have been learning about the differences between the four inner planets and four outer planets. These discussions will then lead into our stars and galaxies in the coming days.

By October 19, 2022, which is our field trip to the Morehead Planetarium, they will be confident in knowledge and ready with more complex questions for the enthusiastic presenters.

The sixth graders will have one more quiz before our Earth in the Universe end of unit exam. This second end of unit test is tentatively scheduled for the week of October 10, 2022.

Keep encouraging your children to review science notes, and Google Classroom throughout the week in order to keep information fresh!

I sure enjoy my time with them each day,
Mrs. Lee

Spanish

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

6th Grade:

We are learning, literally, how to count all over again in my classroom but in Spanish! Students will be able to count and spell out numbers. Please ask your child how old they are and how many pencils they have and they will answer you in Spanish! Please encourage your child to study their numbers each night.

7th-8th

We've been studying Hispanic Countries these past couple of weeks - each student worked on a simple country paper and presented it in class. Please ask them which country they researched and one interesting fact about their country. We will begin, soon, our grammar part with new vocabulary - please encourage your child to study at home each night.

Gracias



Social Studies

Mr Costello
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6th Grade:

We have just finished taking our Chapter 1&2 Tests on Earth's Physical Features, continents and oceans, and the water cycle. Now we are heading into the realm of Human Geography with how people adapt to their environment, what makes a culture unique, and why people make economic decisions.

7th Grade:

We just finished taking our Chapter 11 Test on Western Europe's geography and history. Students researched, created a rough draft, did a peer review, and wrote a short excerpt on the Bronze Age. Students will now learn about Northern and Southern Europe's geography and history. Class Project...students will research and give a slideshow presentation on their Greek or Norse gods.

8th Grade:

We just finished taking our Chapter 1 Test on First Americans in North and South America. Now, we are looking at European explorers, Spanish Conquistadors and Spain in the Americas and finishing with Exploring the Americas by the English, French, and Dutch explorers. Then we will look at the 13 American Colonies.

Electives

Art - Ms. Moravec

Art students have just begun their watercolor unit! After some practice blending colors, students are starting to create watercolor landscapes inspired by the art of Canadian artist Mike Lathrop.

Keyboarding 101 - Mr. Costello

Students are increasing their skills in typing with the three different types of lessons: Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced typing. Students learned about creating a professional email and how to respond professionally. We will have a Final Typing 1 min. Test to check their new acquired skills. Then, we will dive into learning about Tech Readiness: learning about computers, and Digital Citizenship while online..

Creative Writing - Mr. Timm

Students are embarking on a journey into writing fantasy! We are creating maps and worldbuilding before writing a narrative story taking place in a fictional world.

PE - Coach D

Middle School students just wrapped up an exciting basketball unit. We are spending a week focusing on general fitness and basic exercises before starting a new soccer unit.

Religion

The Bible is a hard book to read and it can be even harder when we acknowledge that it isn't any ordinary book! We continue to dive deeper into the Bible, the real and true Word of God. As we look at the stories and themes of God's Word, we consistently ask the question "So what?". Some of the stories we have heard a hundred times and some are brand new to us, but we keep looking closely to see what God is saying to us today. It is our greatest joy to be able to read God's Word with your students and to see them grow in their faith!

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.

Candy Grams: For Halloween, NJHS is doing our spooktacular candy grams filled with a mixture of different gooey candies for only \$2. The ordering window will start on October 10, and will end on October 23. All candy grams will be mysteriously given out on Friday, October 28!

Coin Challenge!: This month, all of RLS will be doing a Coin Challenge! This exciting event will take place October 17th-October 28th. The class that wins will get an epic pizza party! More details will be sent out next week!

Important Meeting Dates: All meetings during lunch in room 242
Executive Board: October 17th
All Members: November 7th

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