



Minutes from the Middle



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5th Grade News

Q: What have you been doing in all your core classes?

A: In **reading**, they are doing their 5 daily reading groups. Stubbers and Ogden are studying the Titanic and what/who caused the sinking, while George and Mary are finishing up poetry. In **math**, all of 5th grade is working on multiplying and dividing fractions. For **social studies**, they are studying pre-revolutionary war, and the conflict between the British and the colonists. In **science**, everyone is talking about atoms and the periodic table.

Q: What are some past or upcoming events?

A: 5th grade just saw a play called "Lifeboat". It is about two girls stranded on a lifeboat after their ship was torpedoed during WWII.

6th Grade News

Q: What is happening in math?

A: We are finishing up on finding volume of rectangular prisms. After that we will find area of a rectangular prism.

Q: What are you working on in science?

A: We are researching famous scientist for the famous scientist project. They will then make a model of their scientist.

Q: What's going on in Social Studies?

A: We are finishing up on our Travel Brochure for Australia.

Q: What's going on in language?

A: We are about to do main ideas, topics and supporting details.

7th Grade News

Math

Q: What will you be working on in math class?

A: They will be finishing up chapter 9 (Probability). The next chapter is Theoretic and Compound Probability.

Q: Are their any test coming up?

A: Test 9-8 will be around the week of April 23rd ish.

Science

Q: What is coming up?

A: They will be dissecting crayfish and frogs. Be studying, there will be quizzes.

Social Studies

Q: What are doing in class?

A: They are going to study Russia and will talk about the geography, history, cultures, and current events. Then there will be a Europe Research project. In the project, each student will be assigned a country in Europe and create a presentation.

Language Literature

Q: What are you doing in the next two weeks?

A: They are reading a novel called *Ender's Game* and doing activities with it. there is no test.

8th Grade News

Q: What is going on in your class.

A: **Language:** Iowa assessment, authors and artists. **History:** Citizenship, Global Citizenship, Electoral Process and Voting. **Math:** Wrapping up transformations **Science:** Chemical Reactions, starting heredity.

Q: Do you have any projects/labs coming up?

A: **Math:** Planning on a project with volume. **Science:** Activities with heredity.

Q: What has been your favorite part of this school year? **A:** **Language:** Getting to know the students.

History: Seeing all the kids that I had in 6th grade.

Math: Watching students grow in math and individually. **Science:** Doing activities and labs.

Student of The Month Winners:

5th Grade: Lauren Vance and Joana Sanchez

6th Grade: Roshell Quinos and Nathan Jaeger

7th Grade: Taylor Perry and Logan Guy

8th Grade: Katie Placencia and Reilly Aagesen

These students will get to take a ride in a limousine and have lunch together next week. Congratulations to these students! (Photo on page 2).

Staff Spotlight with Mrs. McCauley see back page for more information!



Members of Journalism Club:

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8th grader Cody Fitch created a catapult that launches marshmallows during his math class. The project allowed the 8th graders to understand angles.

Woodside Staff Spotlight: Carolyn McCauley

How long have you been teaching here?

I have been teaching at Saydel for 22 years. I became an ELP teacher five years ago!

What's been your favorite part of this year?

One of my favorite parts of this year has been co-teaching with teachers in different grade levels.

What's your favorite thing to do with students?

Learn!

I know that you've done some extracurricular work this year, what's been the best part of that?

Giving students opportunities to experience something new and challenging is always important to me as an ELP teacher.

Is there any particular book you'd recommend to students?

I just finished reading The Longest Ride, by Nicholas Sparks, and would definitely recommend it. There are two stories going on through the entire book and I kept trying to figure out how the two stories were related. At the end of the book the author brings these stories together beautifully. I am looking forward to seeing the movie that comes out next week!

Do you have any advice for students wrapping up the school year?

My only advice is: "Keep working hard and stay focused on school work, but also enjoy time with your friends and get outside and enjoy the warmer weather!"

Related arts and extracurricular activities:

Art/Gateway to Technology: 5th graders are finishing their monster cube. 6th graders are finishing their illustrated word. 7th graders are working on their double woven portrait. 8th graders are learning how to model in 3d in inventor.

Technology

8th grade: Top 10 baby names chart for 2014 in word.

7th grade: Working on charting favorite candy bar in excel.

6th grade: Learning how to wrap text around pictures/objects.

5th grade: Learning how to download assignments from schoology and reviewing copying and pasting.

Band: The 7/8th grade band will have a large group contest on April 18th. They will be working on polishing the two pieces. 5/6th grade will be preparing for their spring concert.

Track: The 7/8th grade students will be going to Greene County on Friday the 17th. On Monday the 20th track members will have a track meet at the high school. Give the Eagles some support and cheer the Eagles on!

Family Consumer Science: 5th grade is starting their food unit, 7th grade will begin sewing soon and 8th grade will be doing their food labs.

Student Council: Student Council is hosting a movie night April 17- 18th.

Upcoming Dates:

Map Testing

The week of April 27th

Counselor's Corner with Mrs. Erickson:

5th grade will be working on bullying and 6th will work on working together on kindness. 7th grade will learn about substance abuse and 8th grade will be learning about classes at the High School and IHAP. Q: Do you have any tips for surviving the last couple weeks of school? A: Remember we are not done, focus on your priorities, use your time wisely, get enough rest, eat breakfast, go outside, and do your homework.