

7th Grade Newsletter—Monday, December 9, 2013

Midterm Schedule for December 16-20

December 16—P.E. (During each instructional period)

December 17—Reading and Science

December 18—Spanish and Math

December 19—Language Arts and Social Studies

December 20—Make-up exam(s)

Mrs. Robinson's Math News: 6th Grade

Mrs. Cottrell (Co-Teacher)

Weekly Objectives:

- Review inferences [Box-and-Whisker Plots and Sampling Methods] (MCC7.SP.1, MCC7.SP.2, MCC7.SP.3, MCC7.SP.4)
- Review Operations with Rational Numbers (MCC7.NS.1, MCC7.NS.1a, MCC7.NS.1b, MCC7.NS.1d, MCC7.NS.2, MCC7.NS.2d, MCC7.NS.3)
- Review Expressions and Equations (MCC7.EE.1, MCC7.EE.2, MCC7.EE.4)

Homework:

Review your notes in your composition book to prepare for your mid-term exam

Homework Help

http://my.hrw.com/math14/ga/nsmedia/homework_help/g7/g7_mod10_01.html

http://my.hrw.com/math14/ga/nsmedia/homework_help/g7/g7_mod10_02.html

Announcements:

- Don't forget about the Toy/Gift Drive!

- **Parents:** I am sending home the 3rd progress report for my class on Monday, December 9, 2013. Students must take it home, get it signed by a parent or guardian, and return it to me by Friday, December 13, 2013 in order to receive one point added to their overall average. If I do not receive the signed progress report by Friday, December 13, 2013, the student will forfeit the one bonus point.
- **Students:** The composition book check is on Monday, December 9, 2013. Remember, this counts as a project grade. Projects are 20% of your semester grade.
- Remember, students need to come to class prepared with at least three pencils on a daily basis (see the course syllabus).
- Each student has been provided with an *Explorations in Core Math* workbook (at no cost). However, if a student loses their copy, the replacement fee is \$15.00. Students will need to bring this workbook to class every day.
- Tutorial is on Tuesdays from 3:20 PM – 3:50 PM. Parents, please make sure that you are here *PROMPTLY* at 3:50 PM to pick up your son or daughter. Thank you!
- Students: If you are not set up in Edmodo, please email Mrs. Cottrell at ccottrell@hapevillecharter.org
- On-line textbook: <http://my.hrw.com>
Username: hapeville1
Passcode: j2s9p

7th Grade Concepts Covered in Mrs. Robinson's class so far for first semester:

- Properties of Numbers
- Associative Property
- Distributive Property
- Commutative Property
- Identity Property
- Integers
- Adding, Subtracting, Multiplying, and Dividing Integers
- Additive Inverses and Absolute Value
- Equivalent fractions and decimals
- Adding and subtracting decimals
- Multiplying decimals
- Dividing decimals
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Multiplying Fractions and Mixed Numbers

- Dividing Fractions and Mixed Numbers
- Translating Words into Math
- Simplifying Algebraic Expressions
- Solving equations containing integers
- Solving equations containing decimals
- Solving equations containing fractions
- Solving two-step equations
- Using properties with rational numbers
- Solving multi-step equations
- Solving equations with variables on both sides
- Solving inequalities by adding or subtracting
- Solving inequalities by multiplying or dividing
- Solving multi-step inequalities
- Box-and-Whisker Plots
- Populations and Samples

Ms. Burks/Social Studies

- **Social Studies Tutorial is held every Tuesday from 3:20-4:45 p.m. and EVERY Thursday from 3:45-4:45 p.m. until further notice...SATURDAY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2013 AND DECEMBER 14, 2013 FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. Parents, if your child attends Saturday school, please make sure your child is picked up by 1 p.m.**
- **Ms. Burks and Mrs. Jiles will not be present for Saturday School Tutorial on December 14, 2013.**
- **Make up work extension...I still have students who have not made up missing tests, quizzes, classwork, and homework. I will be in my class after school starting on Monday, December 9th through Thursday, December 12th (December 9th : 3:30-4:30 p.m.; December 10th: 3:20-4:45 p.m.; December 11th : 3:30-4:30 p.m., if I do not have a staff meeting; and December 12th : 3:45-4:45 p.m.).**
- **This week, the students are preparing to take a test on the economic systems and other terms on Friday, December 13, 2013. Each student will be given a study guide for the test.**

- Each student will be given a study guide for the midterm on Friday, December 13, 2013. Please encourage your child to study for the exam.
- **Important news...**Due to changes in collecting funds at HCMS, I will not be able to accept any money from students. Ms. Chlebek will be accepting money from students from 7:30-4:30 daily. **When students bring the money for the GCRCT Practice books, they will need to pay cafeteria worker in the cafeteria. The students will bring the receipt to me so I can put their name(s) on the "Paid" roster sheet (I will give the receipt back to the student). I cannot order the GCRCT books until I have over 50% of the books purchased.**
- **Money is still being accepted for the GCRCT books in the cafeteria every day from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The cost of the GCRCT Social Studies practice book is \$15.**
- **Currently, the number is still too low to order GCRCT books. I cannot order GCRCT books until I have at least 50% of the students purchase the books! The GCRCT book will help your child tremendously in Social Studies and with the GCRCT. PARENTS, PLEASE PURCHASE A GCRCT SOCIAL STUDIES BOOK FOR YOUR CHILD ASAP...THANK YOU.**
- **Information regarding the World of Coke field trip:** Selected 7th grade students are eligible to attend. The "tentative" date for this trip has been postponed...More details are coming soon.
- **Information regarding the Tour of Washington D.C.:** Please check your email by Thursday, December 12, 2013 for updated information regarding the Washington D.C. trip.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at rburks@hapevillecharter.org.
- Have a wonderful week!

Ms. Wade/ Life Science

- **Selected students were chosen to attend the Bodies of Exhibition/Atlanta Titanic Exhibition on Friday, December 6, 2013. The selected students already received a field trip form for the field trip. The students really enjoyed the field trip.**

- **Science Tutorial is held every Thursday from 3:30 -4:15 p.m.**

Mrs. Williams/Language Arts

Greetings Parents,

Below is a list of homework items that will need to be completed by Monday, December 16th.: Please note the date for the vocabulary and spelling quiz!

- ✓ **Crossword Puzzle** (Please create a crossword puzzle for the following words- meticulous, invariably, successor, irrationally, isolation, perceive) The following information will need to be included in your squares-
 - the word
 - definition for each word
 - answer key
- ✓ **Vocabulary and Spelling Quiz on Friday, December 13th.** Please make sure that you study!
- ✓ **Unit Test will be on Thursday, December 12th.** It will cover simple, complex, compound, and compound-complex sentences, sentence fragments, and topic sentences.
- ✓ **Complete the questions for Chapters 13-16 of *The Giver*.**
- ✓ **Bring your language arts textbook and the book *The Giver* to class every day. No exceptions!**
- ✓ **Language Arts Tutorial:** This week's tutorial will be only be held on Monday, 12/9. We will be reviewing for mid-term exams. Any make up work will need to be given to me during class. Also, I will be at school on Saturday, 12/14, from 9am-1pm to review for midterm exams. Please take advantage of these opportunities.
- ✓ **You have one week to complete your assignments. Please do not abuse this privilege. Otherwise, it will be taken away due to your lack of responsibility!**

Have a productive week!

Mrs. Williams

Mrs. Jiles/Reading

Reading:

- Reading logs were collected today; however, no new logs were distributed. This week will be a make-up week. Students will be allowed to make up one missing log with no point deduction. These will be due next Monday.
- We finished reading our novel "Tuck Everlasting" today. The students will begin their study guides tomorrow.
- All extra credit projects were due today. I WILL NOT be accepting any projects tomorrow.
- The Reading Mid-term Exam will be given next Tuesday, December 17. We will be reviewing for the remainder of this week.
- Have a great Hapeville week!

Mrs. DeFlores/Spanish

Good evening parents!

I hope your student is using his/her time to plan for the end of first semester. It's coming fast! This week we are finishing Chapter 7. We will take our Chapter 7 test on Wednesday, December 11. The topics covered will include the following:

1. Chapter 7 vocabulary (page 267 of textbook)
2. Present Progressive Verb Tense
3. Direct Object Pronouns
4. Pastimes and Sports
5. Stem-changing verbs

In preparation for this test and the midterm exam, please make sure your student has a Composition notebook and a Spanish-English dictionary (this must be a traditional book, not an electronic resource). Your student may use these on all exams for me this year, including midterms and finals!

If you would like to purchase another resource for your child to use in the classroom and on exams, please consider buying 501 Spanish Verbs by Christopher Kendris ISBN-10: **0812092821**

Finally, we are completely booked for Monday parent/teacher conferences this month. If you would like to meet with your child's teachers in January, please email me at jdeflores@hapevillecharter.org. Thank you!

*****I will not be having Spanish tutorial this Friday. We will be reviewing for our exam during class.**

Coach Smart/PE & Health

- **As a reminder, eat right and exercise at least 30 minutes daily to maintain a healthy and rejuvenating lifestyle.**
- **I will be on medical leave until mid-January.**

Ms. Arnold/Resource Teacher

Resource Science and Math

Parents next week my students will be allowed to make up any missed assignments dating back to October. We will also be preparing for our mid-term examinations. Please encourage your student to study...study...study

Please email me at marnold@hapevillecharter.org ,if you have any questions or concerns.

Counselor's Corner(Sabrina Barnes)

Stay tuned for upcoming information from the counselor...

Exciting news from the PTCO

Hapeville Charter Middle School PTCO News

- **These Boots Were Made To Walk**
 - Parents, the HCMS PTCO is collecting gently used shoes to donate to needy families during these cold weather months. If you are able to help, please submit all donations to Ms. Rainey at the Main Campus or Ms. Polite at the 8th grade campus on or before **Friday, December 13, 2013**. Remember: By donating a pair you are promoting better healthcare.
- **5th Annual HCMS Toy Drive**
 - December 2nd-13th, 2013
 - We are collecting **new** toys, gift cards, games, books, etc.
 - The gifts will be donated to organizations to include Sister's Empowerment Network and Weaver Gardens, to name a few.
 - In exchange for their donations, students will receive an extra credit coupon that they can redeem for extra credit in ALL 7 classes. Coupons expire 12/13/2013 at 3:20 p.m.
- **Hornets Go to Orlando!**
 - June 2nd-5th, 2013
 - Deadline for registration has been extended.
 - Stay tuned for more information!
 - Contact Ms. Rainey at krainey@hapevillecharter.org if you have any questions.
- **Hapeville Middle Holiday Social**
 - Friday, December 20, 2013 (Tentative Date)
 - Cost: \$2
 - The \$2 will include holiday dress down, food, and entertainment. Additional snacks will be sold.
 - Stay tuned for more information.
- **Hapeville Charter Middle School 8th Annual Science Fair**
 - Wednesday, December 11, 2013
 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - 8th grade campus

- If you would like to volunteer to judge projects, tally votes, or serve dinner to students, please email Ms. Rainey at krainey@hapevillecharter.org.

Volunteers needed at the Science Fair...

Good morning,

The HCMS 8th Annual Science Fair is scheduled to take place this Wednesday, December 11, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are still in need of volunteers for the following areas:

- judging projects
- tallying votes
- serving dinner to participants

If you are available to help, please respond to this message and let me know the area where you would be most helpful.

Parents, if you are able to volunteer you will receive credit for your yearly volunteer time.

Thanks in advance for helping the HCMS science department.