Saint Thomas the Apostle
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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6th Grade

Language Arts: We learned about how to write a character analysis paper. Breaking down the parts of the paper into sections by doing a prewrite. We also practice writing a thesis statement. Next week, we will write our rough draft character analysis paper and learn how to peer edit other classmates' papers.

Social Studies: We continued our unit on the Origins of Civilization. We talked about the early humans in the Paleolithic Era, the importance of the discovery of fire, and how they hunted-gathered. Next week, we will discuss the theory of migration, how people have adapted to varied environments, the importance of cave art, and the change from the Paleolithic to Neolithic Era.

Science: We finished Module 3 on Wednesday, learning that much of the usable water on Earth is stored in aquifers and glaciers. Friday, we began our study guides for the test next week

- Tuesday, November 17- Module 3 Test

Theology: We talked about Abraham and Sarah this week, and discussed how making difficult choices for God can be hard. We also looked at the importance of faith when it comes to making choices. Next week, we will continue to look at the life of Abraham.

- Virtue Quiz Fortitude - November 20

Math 6G1: Students prepared for and took the Chapter 2 Test. Next week, students will learn about ratios, and using tape diagrams and ratio tables to solve problems.

Math 6G2: Students learned about rates and unit rates, converting measures within the US customary system and the metric system as well as converting between both systems. Next week, students will review for the Chapter 3 assessments.

- Tuesday, November 17 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.4 - 3.6)
- Thursday, November 19 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz
- Friday, November 20 - Chapter 3 Test

7th Grade

Language Arts: We learned about poetry and how to annotate poems, which we can use for other types of writing. We also looked at poems and how the author choice of figurative language can help enhance the writing. Next week, we will continue learning about figurative language and start writing versions of poems.

- Adjective and Pronoun Test - Nov 17

Social Studies: We finished discussing the Mayans, and began talking about the Aztecs. The students studied the many theories of why the Mayans fell, and had to decide which one they believed in the most. Next week, we will continue talking about the Aztecs and also discuss the Incan's. Then, we will review all three civilizations and the importance of each.

Theology: Baxter Theater was open this week, as the students answered the question "Is following Jesus difficult" they had four stories from Mark that used as references and had to create an in class documentary to prove their point. Next week we will look at the Gospel of Luke.

- Virtue Quiz Fortitude - November 20

Science: We have focused on electric force this week. We practiced reading nonfiction text and locating key information. We also learned about how simple circuits work and investigated different substances to see if they are conductors or insulators. We built working circuits using different lights, buzzers, motors, and switches, including the items that we discovered were conductors. We then started into electromagnetism, which we will learn more about next week.

- Friday, November 20 - Module 3 Test

Math 7G1: Students learned about solving equations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Next week, students will learn about solving two step equations as well as writing and graphing inequalities.

- Thursday, November 19 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)

Math 7G2: Students prepared for the assessments at the end of Chapter 3. They will take their test on Monday. Next week, students will learn about graphing linear equations, using the slope of a line, and graphing proportional relationships.

- Monday, November 16 - Chapter 3 Test
- Monday, November 30 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)

8th Grade

Language Arts: We were placed into our poetry groups, where we looked at two different poems, and looked at what the author was trying to show. Next week, students will work together in their groups to write their own poem, using the Latin and Greek Root words that were from the last quarter.

History: We finished our Constitution for the USA unit. Students received their study guide, and their written response questions. Students will take their test on Tuesday. Then, we will begin our Washington Presidency unit.

- Constitution for the USA test - Tuesday, November 17

Science: We finished up Module 3: Biodiversity in Ecosystems by practicing constructing line graphs and comparing CO_2 levels and global temperature over the past forty-five years. Then we prepared for the test we took on Thursday. Next week, we will begin Module 4: Cells & Life.

Math 8G1: Students prepared for and completed the assessments at the end of Chapter 3. Next week, students will learn about graphing linear equations, using the slope of a line, and graphing proportional relationships.

- Tuesday, November 24 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.3)

Math 8G2: Students finished working through the first half of Chapter 3. Next week, students will learn about graphing linear equations in standard form and slope intercept form. They will learn about transformations of linear functions and how to graph absolute value functions

Theology: We had a great week delving into the Precepts of the Church. We had Precepts court where we discussed different situations that followed the Precepts. Next week, we look at Catholic Social Teaching and the Corporal Works of Mercy.

- Virtue Quiz Fortitude - November 20