Saint Thomas the Apostle
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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6th Grade

Language Arts: We continue working on our rough draft for our character analysis paper. We also learned and practiced peer editing. Students also were introduced to a way to edit their paper where they used text-to-speech to hear that writing and fix errors as they listened. We also filled out a study guide for the pronoun and adjective test. Next week, we will take our test and be introduced to poetry.

- Pronoun and Adjective Test - Nov. 24

Social Studies: We continued our Origin of Civilizations unit. We discussed theories of human migration, how early humans adapted to their environment, and looked at the importance of cave art. Next week, we discuss the transition from the Paleolithic Age to the Neolithic.

Science: We started the week with a final review of Module 3: The Water Cycle and took the test on Tuesday. We then began Module 4: Weather and Climate, where we started by focusing on the effects of solar energy distribution on the unequal heating of Earth. We will continue with weather up to the first semester exam, where this Module 4 material will be included.

Theology: We discussed the journey of Abraham and Sarah this week. We looked at the virtue of patience and how God's time is different from our time. We also looked at the life of Isaac. Next week, we will look at Jacob and Esau.

Math 6G1: Students learned about ratios, using tape diagrams and ratio tables to show ratio relationships. Next week, students will do more work with ratio tables and work on a study guide.

- Tuesday, December 1 - Chapter 3 Quiz 1 (3.1 - 3.3)

Math 6G2: Students reviewed for and completed the Chapter 3 assessments. Next week, students will learn about the relationship between percents and fractions as well as percents and decimals.

- Wednesday, December 2 - Chapter 4 Quiz 1 (4.1 - 4.2)

7th Grade

Language Arts: We learned about annotating poems and also learned about different types of figurative language. We looked at how authors used figurative language in their poems. We also took a deep dive at poems, looking at the theme of family. This is to prepare students for their next writing assignment. Next

week, students will start their writing assignment for the Serba Scholarship, which is asking students to write a five-paragraph essay about what family means to them.

Social Studies: We continued our discussions on the Early North American People. We discussed the Aztecs and the Inca's, and the students completed a DBQ, which reviewed these civilizations plus the Mayans. Next week, we continue discussing Early Native Americans and their culture, particularly with how it relates to Thanksgiving.

Theology: We examined the Gospel of Luke this week, we explored how the virtues of Jesus don't always align with societies. We will finish up Luke next week.

Science: We have been looking at electromagnets this week and exploring how that leads to motors and generators

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

- Thursday, December 3 - Chapter 4 Quiz 2 (4.4 - 4.7)

Math 7G2: Students learned about graphing linear equations, using the slope of a line, parallel and perpendicular lines, and graphing proportional relationships. Next week, students will work on a study guide and go over it as a class.

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

8TH Grade

Language Arts: We continued to look at poems. We looked at psalms and how they are a type of poem. We also as a group wrote a six-stanza poem at any theme. We also started learning about different types of verbs. Next week, we will continue work on poetry.

History: Students took their Constitution for the USA Test. Then we began our Washington Presidency Unit. We discussed how Washington's presidency shaped the USA, as well as Hamilton's Financial Plan. Next week, we will continue discussing Hamilton's financial plan and talk about other challenges George Washington faced during his presidency.

Science: We started our next module on Cells and Life this week. Students received directions for their cell model projects, which are due December 8. We then learned about the Cell Theory and the history of and the parts of a microscope, before beginning to practice with the microscope at the end of the week. Next week, we will continue to look at microscopes and the characteristics that all living things share.

- Tuesday, December 8 - Cell Model due

Math 8G1: Students learned about graphing linear equations, using the slope of a line, parallel and perpendicular lines, and graphing proportional relationships. Next week, students will take a quiz.

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

Math 8G2: Students learned about graphing linear equations in standard form and slope intercept form. They also learned about transformations of linear functions and how to graph absolute value functions. Next week, students will work on a study guide and go over it as a class.

- Monday, November 30 - Chapter 3 Quiz 2 (3.5 - 3.8)
- Wednesday, December 2 - Chapter 3 Vocabulary Quiz 2
- Thursday, December 3 - Chapter 3 Test

Theology: We are learning about Catholic Social Teaching this week and how to apply it to our everyday lives. Next week, we will look at the Corporal Works of Mercy.