



Gause Jr. High—6th Grade Updates and Reminders

Week of March 8-12, 2010

Social Studies with Mrs. Salcido

We will be continuing in Ch. 13 with lesson 3 looking at cultural traits and cultural borrowing. Then in lesson 4 we'll discuss the factors that influenced the economic development of these countries in West & Central Africa and what continues to influence the economy there.

I plan for the chapter test on Friday because we have Spring Break the following week. I really don't want to carry over into the week after that with this chapter. Students will need to prepare beginning TODAY. I will give them a review sheet on Tuesday. This will be rushed, but I still think it is better to finish this week.

On Wednesday we will have a map test, and I will give students a word bank with the countries listed. They will just need to match the location of the country on a map.

I appreciate the work and encouragement you give your children. Thank you! Have a safe and FUN Spring Break!

Reading/Language Arts with Mrs. Ramirez

3rd Period Grammar/Writing: Most of us did well on our unit test over punctuation and capitalization. Those who were disappointed in their grades and were willing to do something about it took advantage of the opportunity to complete an assignment directly related to their area of weakness to add points to the test grade. We will work on writing assignments this week. First, we will use peer feedback to improve essays done in the past, then we will plan out our new essay on texting.

6th Period Reading/Vocabulary: We will be working on essays in the 6th period as well as in the 3rd period classes as needed. Our reading continues to focus on individual student choice books while some have formed a "reading group" wherein we will read Hatchet together. Each student will be expected to read over the spring break holiday.

Math with Mrs. Cooper

This week in math we will work to make it through Lessons 87 to 90. Content will include Finding Unknown Factors; Using Proportions to Solve Ratio Word Problems; Estimating Square Roots; and Measuring Turns. I hope for us to also be able to do Investigation #9 Experimental Probability. We test on Friday.

Science with Mrs. Miller

Did you know that only .03% of Earth's water is useable by humans? WOW! That number is astounding. We must take steps to save our water. This week we will look at possible ways that we can prevent water pollution and conserve the water we have.

Two major assignments this week: 1. A worksheet was assigned in class early this week. 2. A groundwater pop quiz will be Friday.

A guest speaker, Gary Westbrook, of the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District, will be speaking to the GJH in an afternoon assembly on Friday, March 12th. He will discuss and demonstrate aquifers, conservation of groundwater, and water in a watershed. We look forward to his presentation!

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Research: Art, Library, & Computer

In Library, 6th grade is working on articles for our April newspaper.



Daylight Savings Time
March 14th

**Dear Parents and Students,
Announcements for the week:**

- **Spinal Screenings are scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th. A more detailed letter was sent home today with the 6th grade students. Please make sure you have read over that information so that your child is prepared for this screening.**
- **There is a track meet scheduled for this Friday, March 12th. Good Luck to those students who are participating.**
- **The countdown begins—5 days left before Spring Break! Let's try to make every day this week a productive one by staying focused and remaining on task. There are a number of tests scheduled for this week. Make sure your child is ready for each one.**

Remember that attendance is very important this week so that your child stays caught up. This is the 3rd week of the six weeks grading period. Progress reports will be sent home the week we return from Spring Break.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school to arrange to talk to your child's teacher. Continue to check the parent portal for grade updates. Have a great week!

Gause Jr. High School Teachers