

Spencer County Middle School

Dec. 5-9

7th Grade Weekly Update

TEAM/SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Touching Spirit Bear* author Ben Mikaelsen is coming to visit our school tomorrow, Dec. 6 and speak to our students. 7th graders wrote letters to him today and came up with questions to ask Mr. Mikaelsen.
- MAP Test—7th graders will take the Winter MAP test this Thursday, Dec. 8. Math from 8:00-9:30, Reading from 9:30-11:00, Language Usage from 11:00-12:00.
- Christmas Food Drive— Our school is collecting non-perishable food items to donate to families in need. The drive will run from Dec. 5-9.
 Please donate to homeroom. Thank you for being so giving!
- *There will be two unit tests & a quiz next week in 7th grade. With it being the end of the 9 weeks and lots of other activities, this was unavoidable. Please encourage your child to use study time wisely this week and next.

MRS. GROSS' MATH CLASS

- ♦ Learning Target this week: I can solve problems with inequalities.
- ♦ **Algebra Test**: Thursday, Dec. 15 (Expressions, Equations & Inequalities) **Note: I originally told the students Wednesday, Dec. 14, but the Advanced Drama play is that day.
- ♦ Class Website: http://spencermath7.weebly.com/algebra.html
- ♦ **Homework** # 14 (Review expressions, equations & inequalities)
- ♦ Monday—HW #14 Given, Finish Inequalities Hangman
- ♦ **Tuesday** Check HW, Lesson 17 in Workbook: Inequalities
- ♦ **Wednesday**—Check HW, Lesson 17 in Workbook: Inequalities
- ♦ Thursday —Check HW, MAP Test
- ♦ Friday— Turn in Homework & Inequalities practice game



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Math— HW #14 Due Fri.
- Math-Test Dec. 15
- Science- Multiple Choice Quiz Dec. 15
- Social Studies— ILA #9 Due Wednesday
- Social Studies—Test Dec. 12
- ELA—Self-paced learning due Tuesday
- ELA—AR points due Dec. 16

MISS E.MAC'S SCIENCE CLASS



This week in Science we will be continuing our study of Forces. This week we will focus on Electrical and Gravitational Forces.

Monday- Students began investigating the basics of Electrical Forces.

Tuesday- Students will participate in a Vocabulary Review. Students who did not finish their graph and questions from Thursday's lab will be responsible for turning it in before they leave class today.

Wednesday- Students will continue their investigations of Electrical Forces.

Thursday- Students will take their Winter MAP Tests.

Friday- Students will investigate Gravitational Forces.

*On Thursday, Dec. 15th students will have a multiple choice quiz over the Forces unit. This quiz will include the vocabulary entry they received last week along with questions about forces that requires them to apply their knowledge from the unit. They will not receive a study guide, but they should study the entries in their binders.

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."
- John Wooden

MISS AMAC'S SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS

This week in Social Studies we will be continuing our unit on Ancient China. This week students will have an ILA (the last before Christmas) and a China Vocabulary quiz on Friday. Finally, we have a mini-project that we will discuss. This is something small which can be completed as one night of homework. Please see the website for more information. We also have MAP Testing this Thursday. Please encourage your child to get lots of sleep on Wednesday night and to eat breakfast Thursday morning. Have a great week!

The Week Ahead...

Monday: Chinese Dynasties

Tuesday: 3 Philosophies of China

Wednesday: Gifts of Ancient China, Mini-Project Assigned, ILA #9 due

Thursday: MAP Testing

Friday: China Vocabulary Quiz, Terra Cotta Soldiers

Monday 12/12: India/China Test Review

Tuesday 12/13: India/China Test

Wednesday 12/14: Mini Project Due, Presentations

Thursday 12/15: Mankind China, Greece Preview

Friday 12/16: School-Wide On Demand Writing Practice



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MRS. JACOBSON'S LANGUAGE ARTS

This week in ELA, we are continuing our Short Story/ Myth Unit.

Monday: We are reading the myth, "Raven and the Sources of Light."

Tuesday: We will have Brain Strain Day. All self-paced learning work & quizzes are due by the end of class!

Wednesday: We will read a myth.

Thursday: We will have MAP testing in the morning. Afternoon classes will have Brain Strain Day.

Friday: We will read a myth.

Important Reminders:

All SPL work is due by the end of class Tuesday.

AR points are due by the end of the day on Friday, December 16. We will have our last Library Day of the semester on Tuesday, December 13.

Stay Connected!

Class Websites:

Language Arts—http://www.spencer.kyschools.us/olc/teacher.aspx?s=132

Math—http://spencermath7.weebly.com/

Social Studies - http://macclass.weebly.com/

Science—http://scmsscience.weebly.com/

READING/ LEADERSHIP CLASS



Reading:

Ben Mikaelsen will be here Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the afternoon.

We are doing a "One Book One School" read. All of SCMS will be reading *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelsen. If you are interested in reading this book with us, here is a PDF copy of it: *Touching Spirit Bear*

Leadership:

7 Habits of Highly Effective People (Teens):

Habit 1—Be Proactive

Habit 2—Begin with the End in Mind

Habit 3—Put First Things First

Habit 4—Think Win-Win

Habit 5—Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood

Habit 6—Synergize

Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw