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Edna Elementary School

Welcome!!

Welcome! We have started the year with great gusto. Our students are getting used to their lockers, the new expectations, our new schedule, and the new lunchroom situation. I am so excited to have them as my 7th grade homeroom this year. I look forward to getting to know each of them better. If you have questions, comments, or concerns throughout the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is dcarrico@usd506.org or you may call me at school or at home prior to 8:30 or 9 pm.

Math

We are currently studying the Integers. Students are learning to add, subtract, multiply, and divide integers. The new series will allow them to show prior knowledge while expanding their mathematical experience. He/she will find that our new curriculum is rigorous. However, they will become better students and mathematicians because of it. Please encourage them to work hard, ask lots of questions, and be patient as we work together on this journey. **As a reminder, students will have a weekly quiz each week on Wednesday beginning on September 19th.** Students will be given the study guide this week for the year.

Chili Supper Basket Theme

Our theme for the chili supper basket is "Farmhouse." Every year, seventh grade learns how to properly write letters, address envelopes, and request donations. It's a great way to learn both the generosity of others as well as the commitments that they have already extended themselves to support. I know that this seems early, but it helps if we get them in the mail as soon as possible. We also will be doing some building in our new STEAM Lab to help the chili supper fundraiser.

Social Studies

Seventh grade students will begin the study of civics by understanding what a citizen is, the advantages that come with citizenship, and the qualities/advantages of being a good citizen. We will then begin a study of how governments run to include types, branches, and levels.

Science

Seventh grade is currently in a TRIAL TEXTBOOK from Pearson. We are starting the process of examining various textbooks from a variety of publishers. The Pearson book has a consumable student book, so at this time they will have a copy of the Topic we are covering and keep it in their Science Notebooks. Their first Topic is learning about the characteristics of life. We will be working with microscopes this next week and identifying various types of cells and living organisms.

Language Arts & Reading

We are reviewing types of sentences, complete sentences vs fragments, and subjects and predicates. We have quizzes every Friday over roots, prefixes, and suffixes. Corrections for these quizzes are due on Monday.