

October Newsletter



October News from our Superintendent, Mrs. Elias

What a great start to the school year! We are **SO** thankful to have our students here for in-person learning and we are grateful that our parents are being vigilant on checking symptoms before school, keeping kids home and getting them into the doctor if they are symptomatic. I have enjoyed talking with the students about their summer fun and meeting our kindergarten and new students! I am looking forward to another awesome year!!

Check out our website for current happenings here at Lisbon at www.lisbon.k12.il.us. You can find the school calendar of events, lunch menus and more!

Family directories will be coming soon and sent with the youngest child in your family. If you don't receive one, please call the office.

I look forward to seeing you all during Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 26th and October 28th!



Reminders:

If your child is sick, please call the school office prior to 9:00 A.M. the day of the absence so the school can have an accurate record of attendance and lunch count. In addition to calling school, if your child typically rides a bus to school, sending a text to the driver is much appreciated so they know not to wait at the bus stop if no one will be riding that morning. You may also leave a message if you are calling outside of school hours. If your child is experiencing COVID symptoms they must see their physician and have a note to return to school stating that they have an alternative diagnosis other than COVID along with a listing of specific symptoms, a negative COVID test, or they must quarantine for 10 days. Siblings would also not be allowed to attend school and if asymptomatic must quarantine for 14 days.

If you know your child/children will be missing school due to an appointment, sending a note prior to that day will help in classroom scheduling. Also, please review the parent/student handbook for guidelines for homework makeup.

Blackboard Connect is our automated messaging system to notify families of school events. If you have not received a message via text or phone call yet, please call the school office so we may verify your information. You should be receiving daily messages regarding "self-certification" of your child each morning.

Please be aware that our staff strives to make the school and the school grounds as hazard free as possible. As part of this effort, the local fire and police departments will

spend a morning here on October 7, 2021 reviewing the building and safety procedures in case of a fire or intruder. Students will spend time listening to and asking questions of the firefighters and police about safety issues here at school and also at home. In addition, we will have a



fire and intruder drill so students/staff can practice in the event there is an emergency situation at school.

3rd - 8th grade parents have access to Teacher Ease, which is our online portal for parents to view attendance, lunch balances and grades. Students in K-2nd grade are able to view lunch balances only. A "Welcome" email will be sent home next week if you are new to the program to set up your account or as a returning family just as a reminder. If you did not receive this email by Friday or have any questions, please call the school office.

Lastly, just a friendly REMINDER that teachers have apps for communication such as Seesaw or remind as well as email, if you are in need of contacting them regarding a school matter. Please use these avenues of communication rather than texting or calling the teachers' personal phone. This goes for the office as well, as it gets later in the day the office personnel may not see a text or email from a parent with changes as to where their child or children should go that day, so a call to the office is always the best way of communication especially in the afternoons.

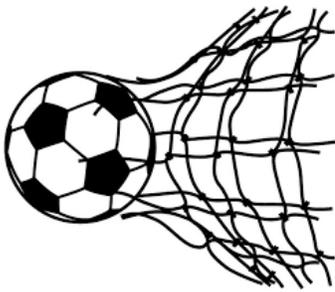
News from Coach McKinney

Welcome back!!! Hope everyone had a great summer!! Can't believe it is over and the new school year has begun. What a way to start a school year! It is great to see everyone again and looking forward to a successful school year.

In PE, the students are currently working on their soccer skills and games. I love to see the competition each day!

Everyone did a great job and worked hard on all the fitness testing that we completed a few weeks ago! Keep up the good work!

In health, the 8th grade is looking forward to Red Ribbon Week. It will take place the week of Oct. 12th-15th. Be looking for more details.



GO LIONS!!!

Coach McKinney



Music News

Hello!

Please mark your calendars for our in-person Christmas concert this year! The concert will be Wednesday, December 8th at 6:30 P.M. A note just went home with more details. We will be practicing songs in the classroom each week to prepare for the concert. I also sent home a copy of songs that stays at home for the students to practice. I am very excited for our students to perform for you all once again.



Musically,

Mrs. Pfizenmaier

Halloween Party Reminders

October 28, 2021

12:30pm-1:30pm

- 🎃 Students will begin to dress at 12:20 p.m. Parade to begin at 12:30 p.m.
- 🎃 We must limit the number of visitors in the building so only those that are assigned to classroom chairman and games person will be allowed at the parties in K-5. No additional help will be needed in the Jr High.
- 🎃 Students will not be able to get ready in the bathrooms this year, again. Parents will not be able to come to school and assist their child with getting their costume/make-up on. Students must come to school with their costume/make-up on or should be able to get their costume on in their classroom at their desks. Costumes/make-up worn to school must not be a disturbance to the classroom environment so it doesn't interfere with learning prior to the parties.
- 🎃 Please no gory costumes, blood, or weapons at school.

PARADE

- 🎃 We will start with Kindergarten and proceed out the front door at 12:30. Other grades will follow in numerical order.
- 🎃 Classes will follow the sidewalk to the playground and line-up around the asphalt for pictures. We will stay on the playground for pictures (by parents and yearbook staff) for approximate 5 minutes, and then enter the building by the north door.
- 🎃 Grades K-5 will have parties in their rooms, with grades 6-8 in the gym.
- 🎃 Trash cans will be placed in the hallways.

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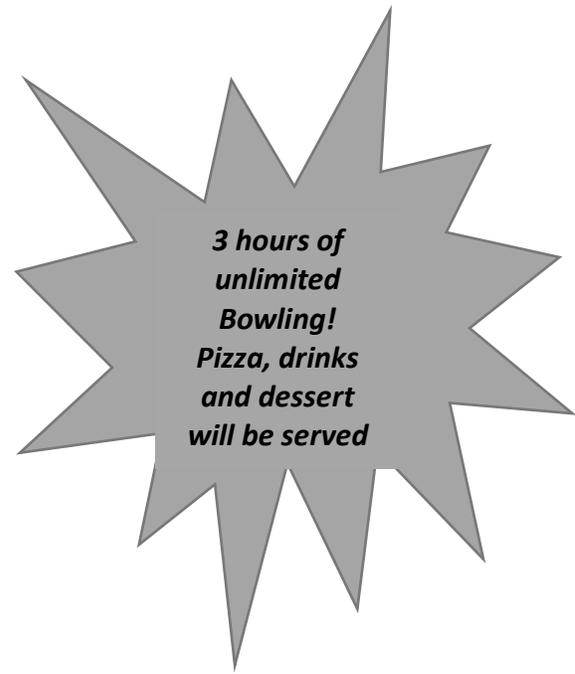
- 🎃 Students will enter the gym in the same order as above at 12:30 p.m.

- 🎃 I will direct parents to sit in the bleachers for pictures during the parade.
- 🎃 Students will line up around the gym floor for pictures by parents and yearbook staff.
- 🎃 We will stay in the gym for approximately 5 minutes for pictures, and then release students back to their rooms by grades beginning with Kindergarten.

PARTIES

- 🎃 Grades 6-8 will remain in the gym.
- 🎃 Games- students should be socially distanced and not sharing equipment/items.
- 🎃 In 6-8th grade a sign-up genius was sent for items to be brought to school.
- 🎃 We look forward to a FUN time!





IDLE HOUR LANES
927 E Railroad Street
Sandwich, IL 60548
Saturday, October 23rd
2:00pm – 5:00pm
\$15 per person

Please return the form below with payment (checks made to Newark/Millbrook PTO) in a SEALED ENVELOPE to your child's school office, teacher or homeroom teacher. NGS, MJH and Lisbon school aged children (Kindergarten – 8th grade). Contact Gilly Fordyce gillyfordyce@gmail.com or Amber Schmitt aschmitt99@yahoo.com for questions.



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PLEASE RETURN BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

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 (First and last name)

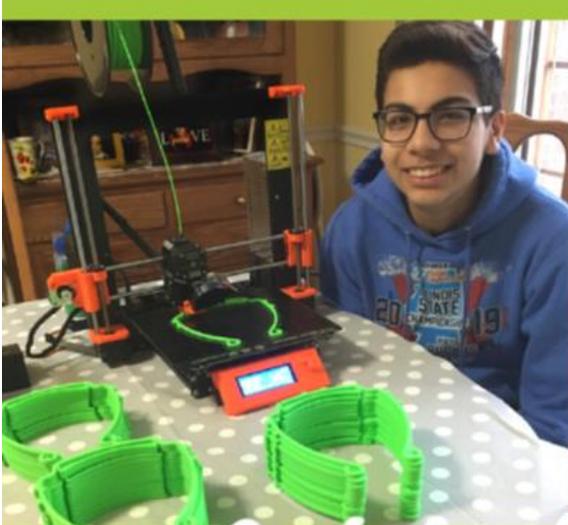
Additional Sons Names: _____

School: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone number: _____

Parent email: _____

Ticket quantity \$15 ea. _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____



Get to know 4-H this fall

4-H Youth Development programs provide ways for young people to **belong to a group, give back to their community, learn things they're interested in, and develop independence.** 4-H members can explore scores of projects in:



- CAREER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- CREATIVE ARTS
- STEM
- ANIMAL SCIENCE
- ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- HEALTHY LIVING & NUTRITION
- GLOBAL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

save the date

Each fall, we kick off a new 4-H year with fun events. Join us to learn about 4-H programs for ages 5-18 in DuPage, Kane, and Kendall counties.

- Do hands-on activities
- Meet 4-H club leaders & staff
- Ask questions
- See projects & curriculum



Kendall County 4-H Kick Off

OCT. 7, 2021 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Kendall County Fairgrounds
10826 IL Route 71, Yorkville

Questions?

Kim Eisnaugle

keisnaug@illinois.edu | 630.553.5823

Kane County 4-H Kick Off

Oct. 14, 2021 | 5-7 p.m.

Kane County Fairgrounds
Prairie Events Center Atrium
525 S Randall Road, St. Charles

Questions?

Andrea Farrier | farrier2@illinois.edu

217.300.1369 | 630.584.6166

DuPage County 4-H Kick Off

OCT. 7, 2021 | 5-7 p.m.

DuPage County Fairgrounds, Bldg. #5
2015 Manchester Rd, Wheaton

Questions?

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217.300.1369 | 630.955.1123

For more information and to learn about upcoming events join our Interest List at go.illinois.edu/info4Hdkk

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News from the Library and Birthday Books



Celebrate your child's birthday by donating a new book to the library! This is neat for the kids because the library will put their name on a card in the book. It also helps volunteers in the library know what kind of books the students are interested in. It is a wonderful way to add new books to the library!

The following books were recently donated to our library. Thank you for thinking of others on your birthday!

❖ Resistane By: Jennifer A. Nielsen

Donated by Mrs. Rehberg for her December 28th birthday

- ❖ Star Wars: Luke and the Lost Jedi Temple By: Jason Fry
- ❖ Star Wars Han and the Rebel Rescue By: Nate Millici
- ❖ Star Wars: A Leader Named Leia By: Jennifer Heddle
- ❖ Star Wars R2-D2 and Friends By: Simon Beecroft
- ❖ Star Wars The Adventures of C-3PO By Shari Last
- ❖ Star Wars Finn & The First Order By Elizabeth Schaefer
- ❖ Star Wars Forces of Destiny : Meet the Heroes By Ella Patrick
- ❖ Star Wars Chaos at the Castle By: Nate Millici
- ❖ Star Wars Little Look and Find By: Art Mawhinney
- ❖ Star Wars I am a Droid by Christopher Nicholas
- ❖ Star Wars I am a Jedi By: Christopher Nicholas
- ❖ Star Wars Leia and the Great Island Escape By: Jason Fry

Donated by Dawson Berg for his May 10th birthday and Sawyer Berg for his March 2nd birthday

This year we are excited to be participating in the Monarch Award program again, this is an Illinois K-3 Readers' Choice Award. The name Monarch was chosen because of its familiarity to K-3 and to symbolize the growth, change and freedom that becoming a reader brings. The Monarch is designed to encourage children to read critically and become familiar with children's books, authors and illustrators. The program is open to all K-3rd grade children in Illinois. This program will be starting soon, with at least 5 of the books being read aloud in class. Most of the chosen books will be available to check out in the library, after they are finish with them in the classrooms. Voting for any students K-3 that have read or listened to at least 5 of the books will take place the first week of March.

Our first book fair this year will be during fall conferences, Oct. 25th - 28th. It will be open certain hours during the school day for students to shop as well as during conferences for parents to check it out. A schedule will come home closer to the dates with more information. If you are interested in helping please call the office and they will put you in contact with the volunteers.

Lisbon Library Volunteers





Fall News from the Resource Room

Fall has arrived in Illinois! I am excited for the cooler weather, beautiful sights and fun filled fall activities. Hello, my name is Kristyn Lykken and I am the new Special Education teacher. It has been an amazing start of the year at Lisbon! I have enjoyed getting to know all of the students in grades K-8 these past few weeks. I am so lucky to be working with wonderful students and teachers.

In my resource classroom students are growing many of their skills each day to reach their goals. From foundational math concepts to multiplying / dividing fractions! My days are filled with learning concepts from young to old. Since I am working with students of all grade levels, I am able to gather resources for the progression of skills in reading, math and writing. I have created a Google Slide presentation for parents with instructional and fun activities that I will update regularly that can be completed at home with your children. The topics include: Math, Reading, Writing and Engaging Activities. Sections will include apps / websites, worksheets, and activities for students to use and complete to enhance skills learned in the classroom. Practice math place value, listen to read alouds, or go on an at home scavenger hunt! The presentation includes a handful of resources for parents and students to use. The Google Slide can be accessed at:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_y4rYXFzejHJkZp2Lg-NEOu7oDtGsscnZD_LTOMfNgY/edit?usp=sharing

If you have any questions on how to use the google slide or an activity on it, please email me. I look forward to a great year with everyone! Happy Fall!

Miss Lykken



Kindergarten News

The kindergarten class has had a great start to the school year! We have 10 students - 6 girls and 4 boys! We have had fun getting to know each other in the first month of school. They have adjusted well to the routines of each day. Each day is filled with exciting activities and lessons. Be sure to ask your child about his/her day!

We have started Foundations. This program is a multi-sensory method of teaching reading and writing skills. The class is becoming familiar with the letters and the sounds they make. We are learning to write the letters of the alphabet and using proper placement on the lines. The children have been working on their names and have done a wonderful job!

In Math, we have been working on counting, comparing, and recognizing numbers to 10. Next, we will continue on with numbers to 20.

In Reading, we have read some great books: The Little School Bus, We Are So Proud, Plaidypus Lost, Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip, Smash! Crash!, and Dig, Dig, Digging. The students have found that the rhyming and repetition make it easy to read along. For each story, we have vocabulary and sight words that are introduced and

practiced in class. Parents, any books that come home with your child should be practiced over and over again! Reading at home with your child will enable him/her to become a more fluent and confident reader!



In the month of October, we will be talking about community helpers. It is always fun to hear what the students have in mind for their careers at this young age!

Our class will participate in Book-It! Book-It runs from October through March. Students will read books at home and keep track of minutes on a calendar. If they meet the expected goals each month, they will receive a certificate to earn a free pizza from Pizza Hut! Any students who meet the requirements for all six months will earn a pizza party in April!

We look forward to our class parties. Our first party is our Halloween party. Thank you to the parents who will be providing food and games for our parties!

I hope your child is enjoying their kindergarten year! Please let me know if you have any questions about what your child is doing in class. I look forward to meeting with all of the parents at Parent/Teacher conferences this month! This is a great time to learn about your child's progress.

Happy Fall!
Mrs. Dike



Happy October from 1st Grade!

In first grade we have been busy getting ourselves organized in our new desks, fitting everything in it and keeping it clean. We have so many books! Our first few weeks we were learning the routine, schedule and getting to know each other. We have 11 students in first grade.

1st Grade has Library on Monday mornings. Each child is allowed to check out two books and keep them for the week. The following week they must return their two books to be able to get two new books.

We have already started taking some AR tests. Your child can take those tests during library or our computer time. We also use the tablets in our classroom.

Ask your first grader about DOJO points and homework tickets! These are new things for your first grader this year. We will begin Book-It October 1st; an informational note will be coming home soon!

Please check out the school calendar for important dates and party times. Schedules of volunteers were sent home in September. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered this year for our classroom parties. I appreciate your time and generosity.

Keep up the hard work first graders! I am excited to have your child in my class. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Jacobson





October News in Second Grade

Hello from Second Grade! This first full month of school has been exciting. We completed our first unit in reading and took our unit test. It covered the topic of exploration and had five stories. One highlight from the unit was when we read *The Strongest Ant*, which was a play that we acted out. Each student had a role! Our new unit is called "Working Together" and also has five stories.

In Math, we have completed our first two chapters. We have been applying addition and subtraction concepts and working with number patterns. We found it helpful to do our skip counting on large number grids. We are beginning to now add two-digit numbers!!

In Social Studies we learned how the government works. We spent quite a lot of time talking about how rules and laws help keep people safe. It was also interesting to learn about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. We are now taking a short break from Social Studies and moving on to Science where we will study plants and animals.

We also have some additional fun activities going on. Book It begins in October and



the students can earn Pizza Hut coupons monthly. In addition to this, we are tracking our Accelerated Reader points to a CANDYLAND theme! The students can read books from home, from our classroom library, or check out 2 books each week when we visit the school library on Fridays. Most of our reading stories are also AR books. They can take AR tests during reading groups when their work is done, or on Monday

and Fridays when we have 20-30 minutes of tablet time.

Finally, our Halloween class party is on October 28th. Thanks to all of our volunteers who are helping! Tracy Zabel is the chairman and will be attending the party with Tim Gunier, who is coming up with our fun games! Beth Lohrey and Brook Jacobs are in charge of food. Stephanie Westerfield is providing the drinks. Jen Chelsen is sending in paper products. Caitlyn Delaney is providing the treat bags. We cannot wait!

Mrs. Mathre

Hello 3rd Grade Families!

I have had a wonderful time getting to know your students! Our year has been off to such a great start. We are finishing up our first reading unit before we move on to our first novel! I am so excited to read a book together as a whole class, I think it will be an amazing experience.



In our new math unit, we are focusing all on subtraction. I think students will do a fantastic job with this. In science, we are studying energy, the different types of energy, and how energy can change. For social studies, we are discussing how we affect the environment, and we are even preparing to take our first unit test. Finally, your students love singing our English jingles as a class. It is so fun listening to them sing!

We have begun going to the library every week and your students have taken full advantage of that! Our library days are Monday and Friday, so please remind your students to bring their books those days! In the upcoming weeks, we will also be setting AR goals for each student, so keep encouraging your children to read at home! Book-It also starts this Friday, October 1st.

Finally, our Halloween party will be Thursday, October 28th. Mrs. Carlson and Mr. Chapman will be attending. All other parents are encouraged to come to the costume parade. I can't wait to see all the spooky costumes! Thank you for your continued support this year and I hope this month is just as spectacular as the last!



Miss Hennessy

News from 4th Grade

Hello 4th Grade Families! Our year has been off to a fantastic start. I had a great time getting to know all of your students. They are doing a fantastic job transitioning into fourth grade.

I really enjoyed the "All About Me" activity your students did the first couple days of school to get to get to know each other more. We had fun celebrating our August and September birthdays and look forward to those in the future!



We had tons of fun making our advertisements for the different regions in the United States which are currently hanging up in the hallway for all to see.

Many of your students have been doing a wonderful job reading books in class and gaining AR points, keep up the great work!! Book-it starts this month, so make sure your students are reading at home as well.

We just started learning about writing factor families in math and I look forward to building onto that. In science, we are exploring the idea of speed and motion.

We are looking forward to all the October festivities!! Our Halloween party will be Thursday, Oct 28. Mrs. Friestad will be attending the party; we still need a volunteer for games! Let me know if you're interested. Thank you to those who have already signed up. Everyone is welcome to the Halloween costume parade.

Thank you so much for supporting your student at home, I am looking forward to another great month!

Miss Vande Hei

Fall News from 5th Grade

Hello families! October is finally here, and with it hopefully some cooler weather! We have gotten off to a great start in 5th grade. During our first week of school students had lots of fun creating their homes for their desk pets. Desk pets are earned by being respectful, responsible, kind, and following directions. Students have really enjoyed earning desk pets. On Fridays they have the opportunity to visit the desk pet store, where they can trade in their desk pets for different rewards.



Students are getting used to having some more independence and responsibility within our classroom, and are doing a great job adjusting to their new responsibilities!

Our current read aloud in the classroom is *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, we are having lots of fun reading this book together so far!

I can't wait to see what the rest of the school year has in store for us in 5th grade!

Ms. Sztapka



Mrs. DeGraaf's Classroom

Happy fall! We are loving this cooler weather in our classroom!

The 6th grade has been busy with the start of junior high. Since your child is changing classes, we have been stressing the importance of staying organized and using our assignment notebooks. Please encourage your child to write in his or her assignment notebook so that you can see what is coming up and any homework/ handouts they have been given.

In reading class, we've been evaluating stories where we study the plot, characters, setting, and how each of these affects the story. The stories have been really interesting and thought provoking. We still have a 2 AR book minimum for each quarter. Your student must read a 3 point or 5th grade level book every 4 weeks and pass an AR test. We are also starting Book-It in October and have a goal of 300 minutes a month. Watch for your child's calendar to come home and encourage them to read. The only way to make progress in reading is to read, read, read!

In Science, we have been learning about space. Our latest chapter has been really interesting to learn about. We've learned what space spinoffs are and how they are used in our everyday life! In geography, we are starting to study the United States and Canada. Our first project is coming up- your student will choose a state, write a report, and design a tri-fold



featuring his or her chosen state. We cannot wait to show you our projects during parent/teacher conferences.

In 7th grade American History, we just finished studying early civilizations and how trade expanded in Europe. We will be starting a new chapter on explorers and how they changed North America.

In 8th grade, we just finished learning about how inventions changed our country. We started with the railroad and steel industries. We've also learned how labor unions have changed working conditions in our country. After our test, we will be starting a chapter on immigration in the late 1800's and how it changed cities in America. Ask your student about our Iron Chef competitions!



Some things to remember:

**PE uniforms are sent home every Friday. Please wash them and bring back on Monday.*

**No school October 8th and 11th*

**Walkathon- October 15th*

**Red Ribbon Week- October 25th-28th*

**Parent/ teacher conferences- Oct. 26th and 28th*

**1:30 dismissal on Oct. 28th*

**Halloween Party - October 28th- more information to follow. We will send out a Remind text about how to sign up to bring food to our party.*

**No School October 29th*

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

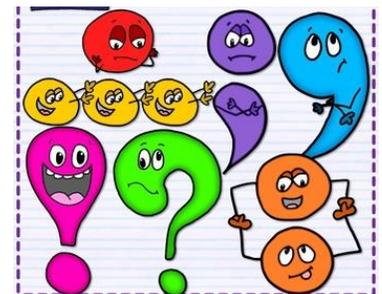
MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Mrs. DeGraaf



October news from Miss Zielske's

I can't believe how fast this quarter is going. In English, we have been reviewing parts of speech and paragraph writing. In addition, the sixth graders have been working hard on their All About Me books. The seventh graders worked on incorporating adverbs in their writing by creating an "adverbot" to help them accomplish certain tasks such as chores and practicing sports. The eighth graders have learned how to use dashes, parentheses, and the ellipsis to show pauses in their writing. They will be writing horror stories in October. In Reading, both the seventh and eighth graders have finished Unit 1, which focused on plot development



and are now on Unit 2, which focuses on point of view and character development.

Spelling assignments for all three grades are always assigned on Mondays and Wednesdays, so students have two days to complete each assignment. Students are encouraged to work or study ahead if they know they will be busy with extra-curricular activities. Tests are given every Friday. Please make sure your child is studying at home.

The AR program is off to a great start. Quite a few students have earned their first prize. All students must have two books read by October 20th. Students may read more than two books to earn extra credit. Your child can also check if a book is an AR book/how many points it is worth at home by going to arbookfind.com.

Book orders will continue to come home every month. If you would rather place an order online, go to www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. It is cheaper to buy books through that method and it guarantees free shipping for me. Our classroom code is L7RLL.

Miss Zielske

News from Mrs. Heap



Hello from junior high! We are so excited to be able to see everyone's smiling faces each day! Math classes are off to an exciting beginning. Sixth grade is becoming fluent calculating with fractions and decimals and will soon progress to evaluating algebraic expressions and applying math properties. Seventh grade has started solving multistep equations with rational numbers, and eighth grade is solving and graphing linear equations.

Science classes are exploring diversity among organisms and chemistry. Seventh grade is half way through our unit titled, "Diversity of Life". We have just finished learning about microscopic organism, such as viruses and bacteria. Not to anyone's surprise, the discussion was much different this year that it has been in the past. Eighth grade is completing an introductory unit on chemistry. In about a week, students will learn how atoms bond. The project for the chapter will include creating models of common compounds while being able to explain how the atoms bond to create the compounds.



If you have not already done so, please sign up for the Remind app/notification. A class code list was distributed at the open house. If you need another copy, please let me know and I will send the information ASAP!

The junior high Halloween party will take place on Thursday, October 28th. You will receive a Remind notification to sign up for treats via SignUpGenius.com around October 12th. We are looking forward to seeing all of the creative costumes!

Thank you for such a wonderful start to the year. I am grateful for each day I get to see my students in person. As always, please call or email me if you have any questions or concerns.



Mrs. Heap