

# 8th Grade Newsletter

**SFA MIDDLE SCHOOL**



## **Religion (Nennig)**

- Thank you for your help in teaching your kids the wisdom of the Church regarding human sexuality. Our class discussion has been very enlightening.
- Our Love Unit test will be Wednesday.

## **Language Arts (Mataloni)**

- 8th graders have begun an Iditarod unit which incorporates non-fiction reading, research-based writing, vocabulary, and technology. The race begins Saturday, March 6th. They will be responsible for following their musher team each day on the Internet and logging the status of the team from a 1st person perspective.
- On Monday, March 8th, a musher will be presenting his information to the 8th graders about sled dog racing: the dogs, equipment, and necessary training.

## **Math (Streff)**

- 8th graders just completed Chapter 7, Exponents and Powers. It can be a difficult chapter, but one that helps prepare 8th graders for Algebra. Overall, they did a wonderful job. We do continue to work on these concepts throughout the school year.
- Chapter 8, Geometry is up next. 8th graders will be busy with angles, triangles, quadrilateral, circles, and other polygons the next several weeks. It is a fun chapter as it is more than just numbers.

## **Social Studies (Wallace)**

- The 8th graders just finished up their study of the Civil War. The next couple of chapters will be Reconstruction and the Industrial Age. We are working towards WWI by April. Also, their field-trip to the Iowa Historical Museum has been re-scheduled for April 30th. If you would like to come with us, just email me. They said they can accommodate as many parents as possible.

## **Science (Mistry)**

- The 8th graders have finished up their study of chemistry, although we do have a couple of element quizzes left. Our most recent lab activity was Acids and Bases, using litmus paper, pH paper and universal indicator solution to test various substances.
- Our next area of study is astronomy. Students have learned about solar and lunar eclipses and phases of the moon and what causes our different seasons. They will also be learning how to locate and observe constellations in the night sky.

## **Mark your Calendar!!**

- Monday, March 8 - Iditarod presentation
- Wednesday, March 10— Rock 'n Prevention
- March 12-21 Spring break!!!
  - March 22— Shakespeare Presentation
  - March 26— Reconciliation