

8th Grade Newsletter

SFA MIDDLE SCHOOL



Religion (Nennig)

- The 8th graders are in the midst of their Holy Spirit Confirmation Project.
- The students are preparing for their Confirmation Mastery Test currently scheduled for April 15th or 16th.
- Please continue to pray for your son or daughter as they prepare to take on their role as an active member of the Church.

Language Arts (Mataloni)

- 8th graders have just completed the Iditarod unit and mailed off letters to their mushers.
- We are beginning our next class book, *Four Perfect Pebbles* by Lila Pearl and Marion Blumenthal Lazan. Incorporated with this Holocaust autobiography will be extensive vocabulary. Weekly quizzes will be given along with nightly reading and journaling.

Math (Streff)

- 8th graders just completed Chapter 8, Geometry. They learned about angles, triangles, quadrilaterals, and found the area of different polygons. Chapter 9, Geometry and Measurement continues the same theme—finding surface area and volume of different 3D figures. It can be a bit confusing with all the different formulas, but am sure they will do awesome.
- We have a few other concepts to cover this year and will end the year reviewing concepts necessary for Algebra next year.

Social Studies (Wallace)

- The 8th graders are finishing up their study of the Industrial Age. We studied industrial giants such as Carnegie, Rockefeller, and Vanderbilt. We are going to now work our way towards WWI and then WWII by May.
- The 8th graders will have a test over Chapter 20 (Industrial Age) on Wednesday, April 7th.

Science (Mistry)

- The 8th graders are currently working on their science fair projects. Proposals (pink sheets) were due today, so by this point all students should have selected their projects and have a plan for what to do. They received a timeline for the month of April on Monday and should have marked dates in their planners. If they stick to the timeline the project should be relatively painless. Final projects are due on Thursday, May 6. They received a detailed packet of information about three weeks ago that should answer any questions you might have.

Mark your Calendar!!

- Monday, April 19th—
Marion Blumenthal Lazan,
Holocaust survivor, to
speak at 9:30 AM
 - *Confirmation Interviews*
April 13th, 6:30pm
 - *Confirmation Retreat*
April 10th, 3pm-10:30pm
 - *Confirmation Rehearsal*
5:30pm & 6:45pm
 - *Confirmation April 24th,*
1pm & April 25th,
1:30pm
- 8th grade field-trip to the Iowa Historical Museum on Friday, April 30th. If you would like to come with—just let Mrs. Wallace know.