

[7th Grade Newsletter]

**SFA MIDDLE SCHOOL
JANUARY 4TH-22ND, 2010**

Religion (Nennig)

- The students this week just finished taking a test over the Infancy Narrative, John the Baptist and the Apostles. The students enjoyed playing the different apostles in class.
- Students will begin their Sacraments Unit later next week, as they explore the grace given to us each time we receive the sacraments.
- Thank you for encouraging and supporting the Serviam program this fall, most of the 7th grade students fulfilled the half way point by Christmas. Their service reflections were wonderful to hear as they spoke about what they learned from their experiences.

Language Arts (LeWarne)

- We completed our Noun & Pronoun study. The kids did really well on the test and I'm confident they'll do just as well in our verb unit.
- Since the trimester is almost over, many students are working on their book reports, projects and talks. They should have 2,000 minutes completed by February 18th.
- Study skills! We've worked on goals, study schedules, locker organization, how to fill on their planner and reading strategies. Next week we'll focus on note taking skills.
- This weekend your child will bring home job shadow information. Please look over all the information. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me: klewarne@dowling.pvt.k12.ia.us

Social Studies (Wallace)

- The students are currently studying the geography of Europe. On Thursday, January 28th, they will be having a test over the nations, cities, and geography of Europe. I am going to show them some online review games that are very helpful. Also, they should be quizzing themselves at home.

Science (Mistry)

- The 7th graders have recently completed their study of magnetism and electricity. As a culminating activity each student assembled a motor and got it to run. The students did a great job on this task and seemed to enjoy it. They just completed their final test and I was very pleased with the results. Check out the drawings and explanation of how a motor works on the last page of the test (they will get them back today).
- Our next area of study is the Human Body. We will be covering the all of the human body systems and will also do a unit on nutrition as part of our study of the digestive system. Our first chapter is about bones, muscles and skin.

Math (Streff)

- Students are finishing up their scale drawings of the Math classroom. It has been a great way to apply the concept of ratio and proportion they have been studying in Chapter 5. We will test over Chapter 5 in the coming week.
- Chapter 6, Percents will be up next. Along with learning about the relationship between fractions, decimals, and percents 7th graders will apply their knowledge and skill to determine sales tax, tipping, and mark up & discount.

Mark your Calendar!!

- ⇒ Sunday, January 31st—
Catholic School Week
Open House
- ⇒ Monday, February 1—
5—Catholic Schools
Week!
- ⇒ Wednesday, February
3rd—11:30 Early
Dismissal
- ⇒ Tuesday, February 16th
& Thursday, February
18th—Parent/Teacher
Conferences