

Written by "6th – 8th Grade Students"

Literature 6-8

We just finished the book entitled *Rifles for Watie* which is about a 16 year old boy in the Civil War. In this story, the main character, Jeff, gets promoted to being a scout and ends up joining Watie's regiment which is a group of Confederate soldiers. He falls in love with Lucy Washbourne, a rebel, and he soon works to get back home to Kansas as the war ends. Next we are starting the story entitled *Bound for Oregon*. This is about a young girl going to Oregon on the Oregon Trail with her family. They start out from Kansas and travel for over two thousand miles to reach Oregon. They endure many hardships and challenges along the way.

English 6-8

In October we did Lesson Reviews. Which contained singular or plural nouns, possessive nouns, plural possessives, capitalization's, proper or improper nouns, and appositives. We have also learned about action verbs, direct, transitive and intransitive verbs, indirect objects, and linking verbs. Currently we are learning about making subjects and verbs agree, also, present, past, and future tenses of verbs, and verb phrases.

American History 7-8

We are currently learning about America's expansions from 1867 to 1914. The expansions included Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippines, and other smaller Pacific Ocean Islands. Previously we had been studying the movements for woman's suffrage and the Nineteenth Amendment which was ratified in 1920. Looking ahead, we are going to be educated on World War 1 and all its effects.

Science 6-8

Our classroom is studying the human body in life science. We are learning how the body fights disease, how the nervous system works, and finally the endocrine system. For an introduction, we are pretending to be parents to infants, we had to make 24 hour schedules for child care, and abide by them.

This is a three day activity and there are definitely mixed feelings about this project in our classroom.

Spelling 7

We currently did possessive and plural noun words, words with no sound clues, related words, -ity and -tion ending words, and irregular plural words.

Spelling 8

In the past few weeks we have been working on, Latin roots, suffixes, and compound words. Some examples are ...transfer, reconstruct, mileage, wreckage, underground, and seventy-two. This week we had a review unit. A review unit is a spelling unit that combines about four or five of our past units. Next week we will be learning about directional prefixes.

Art

We have been doing well in art. We have made two art projects since last time we wrote, the totem pole and the turkey cup. The turkey cup is a milk carton covered with small torn pieces or brown paper, with big feathers for tails and a head attached. The totem pole is a paper towel tube decorated with lots of colored paper that makes up five faces. It is based on the Indians religious totem poles.

Hymnology

In hymnology we study a hymn and then recite it by the following Friday. Sometimes if it's close to a holiday we study hymns that are for that holiday. At Reformation we studied Reformation hymns. Since it's close to Thanksgiving we are studying Thanksgiving hymns such as hymns 610, "Now Thank We All Our God" and 611, "For the Fruit of His Creation". Other hymns we've studied are 451, "Precious Lord Take My Hand" and 280, "Thy Strong Word".



**LESSONS
& CAROLS**

Current Events

We have been studying Drug-Prevention. As of now, we are looking at the straight facts about drugs, mostly depressants. Current Events keeps us busy making drug and alcohol prevention posters and collages about the effects and what it does to you.

Old Testament Bible History

God remembers His covenant with His chosen nation. The nation of Israel journeys to it's promise land. They stop at Mount Sinai. The four chapters of Numbers give additional instructions, and laws concerning certain sacrifices, and offerings that the nation should observe when they entered the land of Canaan. It also describes how the Midianites were killed or driven out of their land. Moses leads them to Mount Sinai, but later Joshua leads them because Moses disobeyed God and was not able to enter the Promised Land.

Math 6

In math we previously learned to use a zero as a place holder. We also learned how to use circle graphs, that was an easier lesson. We also learned about renaming fractions by multiplying by one. We also learned about equivalent division problems, and missing number problems with fractions and decimals. That lesson was a really hard one. We also learned about simplifying decimal numbers, and comparing decimal numbers. We learned about dividing a decimal number by a whole number, and writing decimal numbers in expanded notation, and other multiplication forms. That lesson was a piece-of-cake.

Math 7

We are multiplying and dividing fractions, and mixed numbers. We are also changing fractions to decimals and percents. Finding the perimeter and area of triangles and complex shapes has been an enjoyable part of math. We also have word problems to work on in some lessons.

Algebra 1/2

In Algebra 1/2 we have been working with fractions, reviewing how to add, subtract, multiply,

and divide fractions. We are also just beginning to work with variables and equations. We have also done averages, reciprocals, and rates.

Geography

This last week we finished our study of Latin America. In that section we learned about living in Latin government, and their cultures and lifestyles.

Now we are studying Europe and its culture, history, people, and more. This week we started learning about Europe's lifestyles, sports, recreation, and celebrations. Our lesson for next week will still be in Europe, but we will be looking at the economies, agriculture, and industry. At the end of each week, we have a worksheet and a book assignment containing multiple choice, vocabulary, and locating geographic landmarks.



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Deadline is
December 15th.**

