# St. Charles 6th-8th Grade News

Faith - Academics - Service

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## Happy September!

I pray everyone had a nice four day weekend! They always seem to swiftly fly by! :) I would like to apologize for not keeping up with the website very well. I appreciate your patience. It is my goal to get that brought up to date with homework and other information this weekend. As you already know, the 7th graders will be confirmed this year. More information will be coming concerning that. The students have also received information on "Holy Fire," a Saturday middle school retreat in Chicago.

#### Language Arts

In language arts, we have have been writing and proofreading. I have been very impressed with what they have learned about proofreading and many students have taken the risk of having their writing put under the document camera! What a way to encourage and assist one another with their writing. The students are also starting their Michigan hero papers. Wednesday, we began the day with 60's music and "The Writing Diner." We talked about appetizers, which are different ways of starting written papers. We read two examples of onomatopoeia and one word leads. Also, the students have been reading and collecting vibrant vocabulary words. With them, we chose two of our own words and taught them to one another. We also had a reading conference with Mrs. Hamman.

## **Mathematics**

In math, we are continuing with our unit on data and statistics. The 6th and 7th graders are learning about mean, median, and mode. They are also making box-and-whisker plots. The 8th graders are learning about measures of variation and making box-and-whisker plots too. The students are also practicing their data and statistic vocabulary.

#### Science

In science, we received our Amazon survival kit! The students have also learned about how organisms are organized and have practiced reading graphs. We also learned about the Yanomami people of the Amazon with our "Malaria Meltdown" STEM project.

#### Social Studies

In social studies, we learned about the five themes of geography and participated in five different activities related to the themes. We also made bowls or platters out of old records! They were awesome looking!

#### Religion

We are continuing with creating a culture of kindness in our classroom and throughout our school. We talked about changing our brains with positive thoughts of kindness.

# Middle School Enrichment Club News

Homework Club: Begins Wednesday, September 12, until 3:00 P.M.

# Important Dates ~ more information to come

Holy Fire: Saturday, October 27, 9:00 - 2:30 (Note and registration came home today.)
7th Grade Confirmation: Information Coming
8th Grade Class Trip: Information Coming
Graduation with Reception and Awards following Mass: Information Coming

Have a great weekend and God's blessings, Mrs. Hamman