

7 Blue Feb/March News

7TH GRADE

LANGUAGE ARTS

Mrs. Baker

Happy New Year! We have had an extremely busy second quarter, working with novels and touching briefly on the ins and outs of research papers. In this third quarter, we are writing those research papers. We are working with Mr. Byrd and the information he will be covering on European countries in Global Studies. As we finish the papers, we will be starting our poetry unit. The students will be reading some outstanding poetry and also will be creating some poems themselves. This poetry unit will take approximately three weeks, and then we will move on to the nonfiction unit. As we work through the nonfiction unit, we will also be writing our compare/contrast paper on two of the characters in the unit. Once again, this unit will also take approximately three weeks. We will end the quarter by beginning our drama unit, also a three-week unit. All of these items back our Iowa Benchmarks and Standards. We are working in

the major areas of reading, writing, and communicating.

7thGrade Foods Class

We started the rotation learning about nutrition. Have your student explain the information on a food label for you. Ask your child to use the five-finger method to determine if food product is nutritious.

The students also studied food safety and sanitation. The class has finally advanced to the cooking aspect of foods class. Our first project, personal a pizza, was simple, followed by crazy cake. The class will have more challenging projects in the future. The students are gaining enough skill to cook successfully in their kitchens at home.

They know how to read and understand a recipe, measure correctly, use the mixer and oven, best of all they know how to clean up after themselves! It would be great if you could give your child a chance to show off their skills in your home.

Rhea Green

Family and Consumer Science Teacher

Welcome to 7th Grade Health!

I am Mrs. Hunter the Health

teacher. Want to know more about what's going on in Health??? Check with your child to find out what class is all about...We are starting the semester off with a basic Hygiene unit to "freshen" things up, followed by a Healthcare career unit. I have sent home a course guide so that you can become familiar with the curriculum, classroom expectations, and learn more about how your student earns a grade in this course. There is a list of daily supplies also. Being prepared for class is very important. If you need to reach me my email address is:

hunterj@davenportschools.org

or feel free to call the school 391-6550 anytime. I look forward to working with the students second semester.

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**MathematicsConnected
Mathematics**

Mrs. Lynda Kitzmann

We are now well into the fourth book of our new math series. In Accentuate the Negative, students will become proficient in the use of positive and negative numbers. With the use of manipulatives, students will

learn strategies to solve equations. Success in this unit will lead us to our next book, Moving Straight Ahead, which will deal with tables, graphs, and linear equations. Students are expected to continue using their binders to help with organization of all work. Short classroom review sessions help students master past concepts. It is very important that students arrange a time in the morning if they are still having difficulty with basic computation/estimation. The planner is still extremely important for organization and communication regarding upcoming quizzes and tests. If extra help is needed, I am available in the morning from 8:15-8:45 a.m. for review. Please know that your involvement is a key ingredient to the success of your student. We have a math user's handbook called Hot Words Hot Topics available to check out if you would like a mathematics resource at home

Exploratory French

We have learned how to greet someone, learn their name, ask how they are, and say goodbye. The students can

recite the alphabet and count to 30. We will study the days of the week, the months, colors, clothing, classroom vocabulary, and classroom commands. Vocabulary is the focus of this Exploratory French class. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. My contact information is (563) 391-6550 x 526 or lechtenbergm@davenportschools.org. I'm looking forward to a great year!

**Science- Mrs. Moorhead
Third quarter we are studying the cell. Students will be looking at the organelles in both plants and animal cells during the many hands-on labs. The National Science Standard for 7th grade science states: "Students will understand the structure and function of cells and tissues."**

Concept-Based Grade Global Studies

The concept-based curriculum approach allows students to grasp broad concepts and integrate the information they learn. The approach focuses on concepts and generalizations. Students will see important relationships between otherwise isolated facts.

The Units that will be covered during Quarter 3 will be Europe and Former

Soviet Union along with the Middle East and North Africa. Our main textbook is titled THE WORLD AND ITS PEOPLE. Chapters 12-18 from the main textbook will be referenced during our studies.

Under "Second Step" (our violence prevention curriculum), our focus this quarter will be training for handling stressful emotions and using a problem solving strategy.

Mr. Byrd

***FIRST DCSD INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL EARTH DAY
CELEBRATION IS PLANNED
FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009
@ CREDIT ISLAND PARK
FROM 10-1:30
WATCH FOR DETAILS
COMING HOME IN
MARCH!!!!!!!***