

Seventh Grade NEWS!



What news has our ears perked up this week?

Want to practice for the Milestones? Here's our link!

<http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>

Milestones Testing

Milestones may not have the same impact as last year, but we do want our students to do their best. In that vein, please make sure that your student is ready. If you could see what they think a good breakfast is, (Taqi's, Doritos, Gummy Bears) you'd understand our plea for a good breakfast (protein!). If you knew how little they were sleeping (texting until 2am, game playing til 4 am) you'd understand our plea for a good night's sleep. Students understand the need for taking the test, but not what being physically prepared means. Let's give our students their best chance for success. 7th grade will begin Testing on April 26. Look for more information to come home via reminders, calling posts, and letters!

Tidbits

- * Projects and homework are likely to increase this time of year!
- * What is new!?!
- * Milestones are here!

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HELP US!!!

We seem to be running low on Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and Clorox wipes! All the things that help keep us healthy and in school. WE ARE BEGGING!!!

Motivate and Move Forward!

Motivating children comes down to making them feel like they have a voice and a choice, and that they are valued. When children are motivated to learn they will more apt to engage in activities. The easiest way to motivate children is to show that you are invested

in them and that you care. Once they know that you respect them and value their opinion you will find their motivation will increase.

Adapted from Teach Hub.com

Please remember to continue to check Infinite Campus for progress and missing assignments. Lastly, here is a link for a guide that can assist with Georgia Milestone testing- <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>

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Ready Set....BREAK!

All 7th grade math unit study guides can be found on the teacher websites. Please visit the following sites for practice during the break.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.khanacademy.com

www.coolmath4kids.com

www.aaamath.com

www.educationworld.com

www.webmath.com

www.superkids.com

www.aplusmath.com www.kidzone.wsmath.com www.funbrain.com

www.math.com www.actionmath.com

www.yahooligans.com

www.google.com

www.askjeeves.com

www.mathisfun.com

www.purplemath.com

www.smartkiddies.com

www.brainpop.com

www.brainpop.com

www.coolmath.com

www.freemathhelp.com

www.homeworkspot.com

www.mathforum.com

www.learnzillion.com

SCIENCE

Ecosystems can be studied at small levels or at large levels. The levels of organization are described below from the smallest to the largest:

A **species** is a group of individuals that are genetically related and can breed to produce fertile young. Individuals are not members of the same species if their members cannot produce offspring that can also have children. The second word in the two-word name given to every organism is the species name. For example, in *Homo sapiens*, sapiens is the species name.

A **population** is a group of organisms belonging to the same species that live in the same area and interact with one another.

A **community** is all of the populations of different species that live in the same area and interact with one another. A community is composed of all of the biotic factors of an area.

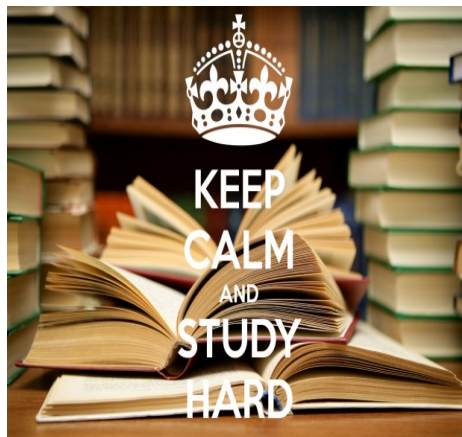
An **ecosystem** includes the living organisms (all the populations) in an area and the non-living aspects of the environment. An ecosystem is made of the biotic and abiotic factors in an area.

ELA

Please help us to encourage our students to use their technology as a tool instead of a toy.

As the Milestones will be on computer this year, we are working diligently to encourage our student to practice their best writing skills on the computer. Students are so comfortable communicating by text that their writing reflects this habit in the classroom.

Please look for spring break practice on USATestPrep.



SOCIAL STUDIES

7th Grade Social Studies is presently working on economics for Southeastern Asia where students are comparing and contrasting various forms of economies for India, China, and Japan. Next week, students will begin learning about the history of Southeast Asia. The fourth term is now in progress, and we are diligently working to prepare our students for the Georgia Milestones' test which will begin April 20th for seventh grade students. Students will also be provided a study guide packet over Spring Break in order to prepare for the Georgia Milestones' test.