This year for memory work we are going to be working on memorizing a large piece of scripture each marking period. This marking period students will be memorizing Colossians 3:1-10. We will start with verse 1, and each week students will memorize and recite an additional verse until they can recite all of the verses at the end of the marking period. Also, each week you will need to write a short journal entry about that week’s verse (more information on the back of this page).

January 24
1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

January 31
2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

February 7
4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

February 13
5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

February 21
6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways in the life you once lived.

February 28
8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

March 6
9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

March 13
10 and put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator

March 20
Recite all verses. No journal this week.
**Journal Entries**

Each week you will be required to write a short journal entry about the verse. Below are some ideas of what to write about. You can choose write about any or all of these ideas:

- Explain what you think the verse means in your own words.
- How does this verse apply to you and your life?
- Can you think of other Bible verses that go along with this passage? What are they? What do they say?
- Share how God is working in your life right now. What else is he teaching you?
- What do you want to improve on as a Christian? What are you struggling with?

Answer these questions if you have trouble thinking of things to write:

- **Jan. 24:** What does it mean that you have been “raised with Christ”? What kinds of things should you be thinking about and doing as a child of God?
- **Jan. 31:** What is the difference between “things above” and “earthly things”?
  Which should you focus on? Why? Why does it say that “you died” in verse 3? What does it mean to have your life hidden with Christ?
- **Feb. 7:** What do you think this verse is talking about? How can you be preparing yourself now for when Christ appears?
- **Feb. 13:** Why do you think God commands us to put these things “to death”? What things in your life are idols? What should you do about the “evil desires” (sins) in your life?
- **Feb. 21:** How do the things listed in last week’s verse (verse 5) make God feel? Why? How do you avoid doing those things?
- **Feb. 28:** What does malice mean? Slander? Filthy language? Which of the sins mentioned in verse 8 do you struggle with the most? How can you get rid of these things from your life?
- **Mar. 6:** Why is lying wrong? How does it affect your relationship with someone when you lie? How do you feel when you lie to someone? What does it mean to take off “your old self”?
- **Mar. 13:** What does it mean to “put on the new self”? How is your new self different from the old one? Do you have to remember to put on your new self all the time, or does it just automatically happen? Whose image should our “new self” show? How can you better show that image in your life?

**Other Directions**

- Journal entries are due when you come to class on the dates listed on the front of this page.
- Entries must be written in YOUR JOURNAL
- The journal entries will be worth 1/3 of your memory work grade.

**Minimum Length Requirements**

*6th Grade: 55 words  7th Grade: 70 words  8th Grade: 85 words*