

8th Grade

8/31-9/4 Newsletter



Schoolwide News

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Karner's Social Studies Class

This week students continued to work through the Constitution workbook, reviewing material from 6th grade with Mr. Seiffert. We have now finished Units 1-5. We also paused to remember September 11th.

Mr. Benages's Science Class

This week in Science, students presented their evidence in support of Continental Drift through google slides. We were able to jigsaw the notes together so that students could apply what they learned from their classmates. We also began discussing further evidence discovered on the ocean floor and the conclusions we were able to draw from this data.

Ms. Fellerath's Math Class

8th grade math is in full swing - this week we began learning the rules of exponential expressions. Be sure to ask your child what happens when you raise a power to a power! We will continue with rules of exponents next week.

In Geometry, we have finally crossed into doing elementary geometric proofs, which I find very exciting (not sure about the kiddos!). We will continue to learn about constructing proofs next week. We also

have both Quiz 1 and Quiz 2 next week - Tuesday and Friday, respectively.



Mrs. Doyle's Math Class

This week in Math class, we started our first unit on Exponents and Scientific Notation. In this unit, we will be applying exponent rules as well as using scientific notation. This unit will continue through the first week of October.

In Algebra class, we took our second quiz and will take the first unit test on Monday. Moving forward our second unit will be on solving linear equations.



Ms. Cornely's LA Class

This week we peer graded and finished our first MEL-Con. Students also created a Storyboard That as their final assignment to go with the short story *Raymond's Run*. We started working with our next short story, *The Lady or the Tiger*. Next week, students will be working on their next MEL-Con and engaging in a Padlet discussion!



Miss Gill's LA Class

After reading *Raymond's Run* last week, the students wrote and peer-graded their first MEL-Con of eighth grade! Students then created a comic book version of their MEL-Con. We also jumped right into our next short story, *The Lady or The Tiger*. We will

continue discussing and writing about this story next week.



Ms. Frelich's Class

This week, students have been reviewing basic writing skills to recap the end of 7th grade and reinforce concepts reviewed during remote learning in the spring. We will continue to reinforce these skills as we begin working on main idea and details next week.



Ms. Lyons's Class

I have been really hustling to keep ahead of all the tech and the glitches but, hopefully, we are on the right track now! My math class has been reviewing concepts from last year to help bridge the remote days from the spring. We are working with fractions this week and will be moving into integers shortly.



Ms. Bosco's Class

Hello! We are well into our novel *Trash* and our annotation work. The students have spent the week honing in on text evidence to support central ideas, making inferences, and objective summaries.

We began working with the element of theme utilizing our MEL-Con writing strategy for the text "The Discourager of Hesitancy."

Next week, we will continue our work on theme and begin to explore the connections between story parts.

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Students should also be working on their IP (independent project) at home which is due on October 7th. Make sure to ask them who they have selected to focus their project on!

Mrs. Nekyha, Librarian

Next week 8th-grade students will be shown how to access eBooks and audiobooks via Hoopla with their library card. If you live in Hanover Park, Roselle, or Bloomingdale and don't have a library card, yet, it is an easy process. To obtain a library card you need a photo ID and proof of residency such as a Com-Ed bill. Students that do not have a library card will also be provided with two options for reading books online. The website <https://www.thriftbooks.com/> is also an affordable alternative for buying actual copies of books. You can purchase used books and shipping starts at 99 cents.

Physical Education

We are having fun helping the students improve their individual wellness. Students who participate in regular physical activity tend to do better in school. We just finished teaching students the benefits of cardiorespiratory endurance. Students also learned about the FITT principle. Next week, students will learn about the benefits of muscular endurance. Please continue to encourage your child to participate in all of the activities that we do in class as well encourage them to be active outside of