



# 8TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 21 - 25



## General Updates:

- Students need to charge their computer every night!

**Civics:** Civics has started off extremely well. We looked at the importance of civic participation in a democracy, our 1st Amendment freedoms, and the importance of the 14th Amendment. We will wrap up our unit soon, and quiz on Wednesday or Thursday. Thank you to the students for showing up each day and participating in classroom discussions! This first full week was great!

**Language Arts:** Students are exploring the idea of identity and perspective through the analysis and discussion of memoirs, and they will soon be practicing their own personal writing in a similar style. They have shown they are flexible, patient, and optimistic about what the year can be for them. Their ability to jump right in has blown me away!

**Science:** We have had a great beginning of the school year! Student participation has been stellar - we've engaged in discussions about pets, microgravity, fact versus opinion and how to "do" science. Today, the science kits are going out via school bus routes. If your student did not pick up their kit from the bus stop, please call the school to arrange a pick up time.

We will be doing a safety training before using any kit materials, with a digital response request for students and their adults. The next two weeks should be fun - as we explore forces and motion!

**Math 8:** Math 8 has had a fun time getting to know each other and diving into our first unit! We will continue to work on Order of Operations, Square Roots, and the Real Number System this week!

**Algebra:** This year is off to a great start. We have just finished our first unit (translating and evaluating) expressions. We will be starting off our second unit (solving equations) next week.

**Geometry:** This week we will begin working on constructions! Students should have received a geometry compass on Friday at their bus stop!