

November



7th & 8th Grade ELAR

What We Are Learning

7th Grade: We are beginning our unit about analysis and composition of informational texts. Our theme for this unit is unsolved mysteries. Students will analyze informational texts, learn about text structures and text features, and write their own informational text on an unsolved mystery that they have researched.

8th Grade: We will begin analyzing and annotating informational texts, including historical speeches, across various eras of American History. By the end of the unit, students will choose a time period to research and compose an informational research paper.

Talk About Learning

7th Grade: We encourage students to read nonfiction and informational texts or articles during this unit. A few books that we recommend are: *Unbroken*, *I Am Malala*, and *A Storm too Soon*.

8th Grade: Vocabulary will be important during this unit. We will be focusing on credibility, bias, relevant and irrelevant, primary and secondary resources, and synthesis.



Important Reminders

Please remember to check grades regularly. Make sure your student has a pencil, a glue stick or tape, a highlighter, and scissors. The middle of the year is a great time to restock supplies! **Remember, students should be actively reading for 15 minutes each night.**



Upcoming Events

more information
to come

What We Need

- pencils
- tissues
- glue sticks.

