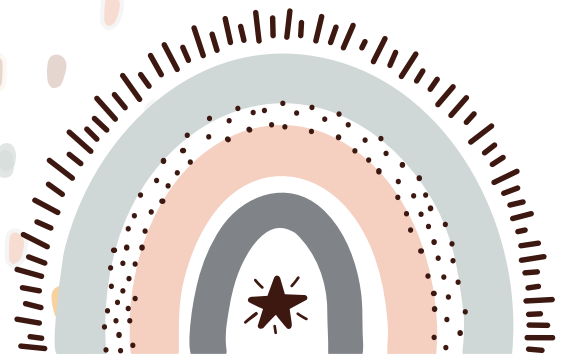


# April

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science



### What We Are Learning

In April, 7th grade students will be learning about the properties of our solar system as well as how tectonic plate movement has formed various landforms and events here on Earth. (7.9AB & 7.10AB)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: students will review for their STAAR test by memorizing and recreating a “Brain Dump,” a reference sheet allowed for the science STAAR test. They fill both sides with key concepts learned throughout the year. I have students complete it at the start of the test so if they experience brain fog, they can rely on their own work as a reference. Because they created it themselves, it reinforces understanding and builds confidence. The Brain Dump helps students realize they already know the material and supports their success.

### Talk About Learning

7th Grade: ask students what we are working on in class and have them explain the vocabulary that we are using in their own words. Some important topics include the order of the planets, meteors, comets, and asteroids; the different types of plate boundaries and what forms on Earth in those locations.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: encourage your child to review their “Brain Dumps” at home. You could even challenge them to create one for you!

### Important Reminders

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Please be checking Skyward weekly for missing work that your student needs to complete. Mrs. Underwood and Mrs. Davis are available most mornings at 7:30 for tutoring.

### Upcoming Events

- 3/31 - Ecosystems Test (7th)
- 4/3 - No School (Good Friday)
- 4/17 - Properties of Space Test (7th)
- 4/20 - Brain Dump Test (8th only)
- 4/21 - Science STAAR (8<sup>th</sup> only)
- 4/24 - Student Holiday

### Misc.

Bulk candy or small prizes for student incentives We will be posting a sign-up for graham crackers and cool whip for a lab over Tectonic Plates in a few weeks so be on the lookout for the post in Parent Square.

There are a lot of review games posted in Google Classroom to help them with vocabulary!

