



## Middle School September News

Haines School -- 247 W. 23rd Place -- 773-534-9200

7th/8th ELA - Ms. Khawam, Ms. Sicora, Ms. Suen

Social Science - Ms. Sicora (304), Science - Ms. Khawam (307), Math - Ms. Suen (309)

*"Families are a valuable asset to a child's education."*

### Advisory

This month's character trait focus is **Respect**.

### Free60

- Students will conduct research on issues pertinent to the city of Chicago, come up with a solution to those issues, and present their findings to their teachers.

### English Language Arts

- During the first two weeks of school, 7th graders in room 307 will be assessed in reading and spelling fluency. After the assessment, seventh grade students will practice writing their respective Science Fair research papers.
- 8th graders in 304 will begin a novel study on, The Children of Willesden Lane. Students will explore the theme of identity while learning about the history of the Holocaust. ELA skills addressed will be: reading a historical novel in a historical context; connections; and academic vocabulary.
- In room 308, the 8th graders will be focusing on the themes of achieving their dreams and addressing prejudices/racism through a novel study of the play A Raisin in the Sun. In addition, students will be placed in literature circles (book clubs), in which they will be working on group activities to deepen comprehension and discussion skills.

### Math

- The 7th graders will begin with a geometry unit where they will explore the properties of polygons as well as focusing on measuring angle and angle rotations. They will then take these concepts to further study triangles and quadrilaterals in depth.
- 8th graders will focus on linear equations which begin with foundational understanding of the relationship between bivariate (two variable) data that is represented in graph, table, description, and equation forms. The students in algebra will begin with a unit exploring the relationships between and properties of real numbers. Students will build the foundational understanding of the basic rules of arithmetic in preparation to deep dive into algebra concepts.

### Science

- During the month of September, both 7th and 8th grade students will be working toward preparations for Science Fair. Students will review scientific method with its components through conducting various experiments. Students will pick a science fair project for Science Fair. All chosen projects will be subjects for approval by the teacher. More information about the Science Fair along with the timeline will be sent home with the students.

## **Social Studies**

- 7th and 8th grade U.S. History will start the year reading primary sources and properly reference the information by asking; Who wrote this?; What is the author's perspective?; Why was it written?; When was it written?; Where was it written?; Is it reliable? This is a key skill in learning how to read and write in history.
  - 7th grade topic in September is *United States Colonialism: Conflict, Challenges and Change*.
  - 8th grade topic in September is *Industrialization: Progress at What Cost?*

## **Reminders**

- Parents, do you want to know how to check your child's grades and attendance? You can pick up your PIN from Mr. Shar in the office.
- Each week a student will be chosen as the Star of the Week. Your student has their date and expectations.
- Provide teachers with an email to correspond about your student's progress throughout the year.
- Check your student's agenda nightly.
- Expectations are that each student arrive at 7:45 each morning.

## **Important November Dates**

September 6 - First Day of School

September 7 - Middle School Meeting

September 27- Tentative Date- Middle School Field trip to the Wendella Architectural Boat Cruise.