



Middle School November 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 caring.

November Stars of the Week

Room 304 - Ben Xu, Jackie Huang, Qiwen Tan

Room 307 - Joe Wu, JingXi Cao, An-An Chieng, JieYi Mei

Room 309 - Jia Yi Huang, Daphne Eng, Sydney Huang

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- 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. Students will also use online educational resources to do independent work that is set at their individual level.

English Language Arts

- During the month of November, room 307 will focus on intensive practice of close reading of informational text and literature. We will start reading novel "The Giver". Students will read for comprehension and respond to literature by written responses.
- 8th graders in 304 will begin reading *A Raisin in the Sun*, a play by Lorraine Hansberry. The book covers themes of social, educational, political, and economical impacts on family during the 1950's in Chicago. Students will focus on the connections between the themes of the play and Dr. King's speeches and poetry by Langston Hughes.
- In room 309, the 8th graders will begin a new novel study of Animal Farm. This allegorical novel will focus on the themes of power (and the struggle to power), the power of education/literacy, class stratifications, as well as the historical significance of the novel. Students will continue to with their literature circles (book clubs), in which they will be working on group activities to deepen comprehension and discussion skills. In terms of writing students will be focusing on argumentative writing via ThinkCERCA and narrative writing in Writer's Workshop.

Math

- The 7th graders will continue working through a unit on looking at integers and learn how to operate with positive and negative numbers. Students will be able to model and use real world contexts of integers to solve world problems and to translate word problems into number

sentences.

- 8th graders will continue to work on unit where they will explore and apply the use of the Pythagorean Theorem. They will apply the use to help solve for missing distances using right triangles in real world examples.
- The 8th grade students in algebra finish up Chapter 2, Expressions and Equations, students will look at patterns to solve linear equations and write algebraic expressions. Students will then study different graphs (linear, exponential, inverse variation, cubic, quadratic, and absolute value) and how manipulating the equations can affect the graphs and vice versa.

Science

- During the first week of November, 7th grade will finish Ecology unit, and 8th grade students will finish the Chemistry Unit. For the last three weeks of November, students will work on their research papers for Science Fair that will take place on December 6th.
- All students should already start their Science Fair projects. Please talk to your child and determine how can you support your children. Some forms of supports are through obtaining the materials they need for Science Fair, as well as through close supervision of experiments as some of the projects might require the supervision of an adult.

Social Studies

- 7th and 8th grade U.S. History will continue to work on reading and writing like historians. Students will continue to source primary source documents, corroborate evidence, and this month they will learn how to figure out when and where a document was created and how these circumstances affect its content.
 - 7th grade content in November is *Building a Republic: The U.S. Constitution*. Investigation topic: *Shay's Rebellion: Were Daniel Shays and his followers rebels or freedom fighters.*
 - 8th grade topic in November is the C-Span Studentcam project: Your message to Washington: What is the most urgent issue the new president and Congress should address in 2017? Students have been conducting interviews of stakeholders, researching their topic, designing a storyboard, and by the end of November will put together a 7 minute film with their message.

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.
- Student Council begins this month. Meetings will be held every Monday.

Important November Dates

- November 1 - Curie IB Information Session at Haines

- November 3 - 7th and 8th Graders Field Trip: selectED at Whitney Young High School
- November 4 - No School - End of Quarter 1
- November 7- 8th Graders visit Back of the Yards High School
- November 9 - No School - Report Card Pick Up - Parent Conferences
- November 11 - No School - Veteran's Day
- November 23-25 - No School - Thanksgiving Break