



Middle School March News

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ELA - Ms. Sicora (307), Dr. Ferrer (308), Ms. Suen (309)

Science - Dr. Ferrer

Social Studies - Ms. Sicora

Math/Algebra - Ms. Suen

Special Education - Ms. Berman

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

Free 60/MTSS

- Students will focus on skills and targets identified through the winter administration of NWEA and class assessments through online applications, small group and independent practice, and teacher led groups.
- Our problem based learning project will focus on homelessness in and around Chicago. Students will be identifying a problem, researching, and designing within small groups.

Advisory

This month's character trait focus is Honesty. Honesty is having integrity and ethics.

Stars of the Week

Room 307 - Erica Tsang, Colin Moy, Joshua Toy

Room 308 - Samantha Lao, Kaylie Ho, JingYing Tan

Room 309 - Allen Peters, Leo Huang, Miaozi Tan, Carson Zheng, Edwin Rong

English Language Arts

- **309 8th graders** - We will continue to do a dramatic reading of the play "A Raisin in the Sun" by playwright Lorraine Hansberry. In addition, students will be working on vocabulary that utilizes the root/affix of the week as well as grammar skills using No Red Ink. Finally in terms of nonfiction, students will be working on leveled texts in NEWSELA and ThinkCERCA, which also develops their argumentative writing skills. The students will continue focusing on the Six Traits of Writing. Students attended the 826CHI Writing Workshop and are working on a memoir with the theme of "I Remember..."
- **307 8th graders** - Students will be finishing the allegory Animal Farm by George Orwell. We will continue the skill of drawing conclusions, making connections to historical events, and characterization. Students will be writing argumentative papers using the online program ThinkCerca and practicing grammar skills using NoRedInk.
- **308 7th graders** - Students will start to read Susin Nielsen's "The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen." The book's exploration of bullying, a very sensitive and emotionally, charged real problem plaguing every school across North America, is cleverly presented with humor through the main character's journal entries. For writing, students will start journaling like the book's main character.

Math

- **307 8th graders** - The students in eighth grade Have begun a unit on using variables as placeholders in creating expressions. They will learn that they can use equivalent expressions to substitute into equations to create equations of a single variable. Students will then work on simplifying expressions which can be used to solve for a missing variable.
- **308 7th graders** - The students in seventh grade have begun a unit on linear relationships. Students will analyze the relationships between the equation, table and graph. Students will look for patterns from tables and graphs in order to write equations in slope-intercept form. Finally students will continue to learn strategies to solve equations of a single variable.
- **309 Algebra** - The students in algebra are in the middle of a unit that focuses on exponents and radicals. Students will learn about the properties that will allow them to manipulate expressions with exponents and radicals. Students will also learn about operations dealing with scientific notation as well as writing equations for exponential relationships.

Science

- **7th grade** - Students will be concluding the unit on microbiology learning more about microbes and will start the unit on Evolution, Unity and Diversity among living organisms.
- **8th grade** - Students will end the unit on matter by learning more about conservation of mass and will transition to the energy unit by conducting investigations about the relationship between energy and molecular movement.

Social Studies

- **7th grade** - Students will continue doing research to support their thesis for their Chicago History Fair project. The theme is Conflict and Compromise. Students will also be studying the US Constitution, important people from that time in America's history, and the impact of the constitution on the world.
- **8th grade** - Students will continue doing research to support their thesis for their Chicago History Fair project. The theme is Conflict and Compromise. Additionally, 8th graders will start their next unit on Immigration during the Progressive Era. The skills students will focus on are text reliability, analyzing primary sources, and summarizing.

Room 205

Math: Working on doing operations of fractions. Using these skills and apply to real world problems, especially in choosing the right operation to use and deciding if an answer makes sense. Reading: Grammar work using a variety of adverbs and adjectives to make writing more creative. Also using and understanding a variety of figurative language forms. Adding grammar topics such as use of prepositions and commas. We are also working on using context clues to learn new vocabulary. Novel study of "From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler", about a brother and sister who run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. We will be working on comprehension and writing extended responses. Social Science: read about causes of the Civil War and how it impacted the country and it's economy. We are studying various historical figures and their continued impact on the United States. Science. Continue to study how the body works. Please continue to work on IXL to practice basic skills, and READ, READ, READ!

Reminder

- Please read each night to build reading stamina.
- Please fill out the volunteer application at <http://cps.edu/FACE/Pages/VolunteerPrograms.aspx>

Important March Dates

- March 5 - Field trip to Argonne Lab (Rooms 308 and 310)
- March 6, 8, or 9 are dates available for the mandatory 8th grade parent/guardian meeting.
- March 6 - Field trip to Argon Labs (307 and 309)
- March 14 - Pi Day
- March 15 - History Fair
- Week of the 19th- School Spirit Week
- March 19-21 - Tentative dates for PARCC testing.
- March 22 - Career Fair
- March 26-March 30 - Spring Break!!