



Middle School 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 spring administration of NWEA and class assessments through online applications, small group and independent practice, and teacher led groups.

Advisory

- 8th graders will be focusing on applying for high schools.
- 7th graders will focus on developing and practicing their participation, collaboration, and communication skills using tools i.e. Discussion Sentence Starters, Discussion Partners (Compass, Microscope, Clock, Cell phone), and Small group/Whole class Participation/Collaboration Rubric.

English Language Arts

- **309 8th graders** - The students will continue a short story unit in which students will focus on the elements of short stories. As they work in groups to read and discuss to develop stronger reading comprehension skills. In addition, students will be working on vocabulary that utilizes power words 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. This year's vocabulary focus will be on power words that are helpful to know for standardized testing.
- **307 8th graders** - Students will begin the drama *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry. As they read, they will use mentor text to write a poem using figurative language in the style of Langston Hughes and write a speech using metaphors and allusion in the style of Dr. King's *I Have a Dream* speech. Through the unit students will learn about the history of the Civil Rights movement in the United States and the impact it had on the people of Chicago. Students will continue to utilize POWER words as well as grammar skills using No Red Ink and daily oral language skills.
- **308 7th graders** - Students will continue to building their literacy stamina. They will also be exposed to engaging adaptive local/global news articles through NEWSELA. Through ThinkCERCA's framework, students will learn to develop evidence-based argument in response to a claim or debatable question. Students will also use various writing strategies from mentor texts and practice accuracy and fluency through reader's theatre.

Math

- **307 8th graders** - 8th graders have finished looking at applications for Pythagorean Theorem and will focus on transformations. Students will look at reflection, rotation, and translation symmetry.
- **308 7th graders** - 7th grade math have finished their unit on Variables and Patterns. Students have begun to look at ideas of enlarging and reducing shapes thought looking at ideas of proportions.
- **309 Algebra** - The students in algebra will be working on linear equations by looking and analyzing tables, graphs, and equations. In application to word problems students can derive equations so that the situation can be generalized.

Science

7th and 8th students individually, or in groups of no more than three continue working on their STEM project once or twice a week during science class in addition to outside school work. Students will be finalizing and practice presenting their projects in preparation for the Annual STEM Fair in December, 2018.

- **7th grade** - Students will continue their From molecules to organisms: Structures, functions, and processes (Growth and development; Organization for Matter and Energy Flow; Information Processing) unit. They will conduct investigations to provide evidence that living things are made of cells; either one cell or many different numbers and types of cells.
- **8th grade** - Students will continue their unit on the Structure and properties of Matter and Its Interactions (chemical reactions, nuclear processes). They will pilot an adaptive online curriculum which will be supplemented by other collaborative activities and investigations where they could be developing models to describe the atomic composition of simple molecules and extended structures.

Social Studies

- **7th grade** - The students in room 308 will be investigating the Great Awakening and its connection to the American Revolution. The historical thinking skills of sourcing , contextualizing, and forming a hypothesis based evidence will be taught in this unit.
- **8th grade** - The students in rooms 307 and 309 will be investigating Chicago's history in the Reparations Won unit. The historical thinking skills of contextualizing, sourcing, and corroborating will be demonstrated by students in this unit. Students will also create a public service announcement on the topic of their choice in relation to the unit.

Room 205

Math: Working on using all operations on whole numbers and decimals, understanding place value, and understanding and solving word problems.

Reading: Beginning a new novel, "One Crazy Summer" focusing on story elements and responding to literature with well crafted responses. This novel incorporates real events that occurred in our country in the late 1960;s. We are continuing building basic grammar skills and constructing paragraphs with a main idea and details.

Social Science: Study ancient civilizations. We will studied Egypt and China and are not beginning the study of ancient India

Science: Understand the building blocks of all things, atoms. Reading about elements and the periodic table and how different elements interact

IXL: Students must work on IXL math and reading skills at least 90 minutes a week. This is a homework requirement.

Reminders

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

Important November Dates

- November 1 - Dia de los Muertos Fiesta
- November 2 - NO SCHOOL, School improvement day
- November 4 - Daylight savings time ends. Set clock back 1 hour.
- November 5 - 308 @Chicago Humanities Festival Matinee
- November 14 - NO SCHOOL- Report card pickup
- November 20 - 308 walking trip to CPL
- November 21-23 - NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Holiday