



# DECEMBER

## Language Arts

6th graders will build literacy skills and improve comprehension of drama with texts of increasing complexity by reading *The Phantom Tollbooth* dramatized by Susan Nanus based on the book by Norton Juster..

8th graders will continue wrap up the short story unit. Students will begin reading *Of Mice and Men* (Room 309) and *Fahrenheit 451* (Room 307). Students will also be working on vocabulary that utilizes the root/affix of the week as well as grammar skills.

## Math

6th graders are working through the main ideas of expressions and equations. Students will discover how notation and order of operations can be applied to setting up models that represent a situation.

8th graders will finish up focusing on the Pythagorean Theorem and focus on proving congruence with triangles.

Students in the Algebra class will work on graphs and how to analyze graphs. They will also focus on relationships between graphs, tables and equations.

## Science

6th graders will continue their Earth in the Solar System unit as they investigate some objects in space, in terms of size and how far they are from Earth. They will explore ways people explore outer space whether from Earth or from a spacecraft.

8th graders will prepare materials needed to conduct their investigation on the effect of changing the diet on the wax moth's fecundity or ability to reproduce. They will continue their unit on Matter as they investigate the chemistry of materials..

## Social Science

6th graders will begin their next unit on Early Civilizations. Lessons on Uruk, Sumer, Babylon, and Jerusalem will focus on reading informational text, vocabulary, and the skill of making inferences.

8th graders will continue working on researching, writing, producing, and editing a documentary for C-Span. C-Span is a cable news network that focuses on all politics and history of the U.S. Government. Student documentaries will be entered into a nationwide competition for cash prizes. The theme of this year's C-Span project is: Explore the issue you most want presidential candidates to address during the campaign.



Happy Holidays to the Haines Community! 8th graders are still in the process of applying for high school. The application deadline has been moved to December 13, 2019. Make sure your child is reading nightly. Reading can boost brain power, helps sleep and increase empathy.

## BIRTHDAYS AND STUDENT OF THE MONTH/WEEK

Happy birthday to:

- Daniel Cen
- Jiahui Huang
- Ting Ting Chen
- Kayla Ruan
- Yushan Chen
- Carmen Huang
- Katherine Lao
- Sheng Long Situ
- Cecilia Chen
- Serena Mei
- William Ni
- Karen Xiao
- Jiajie Lei
- Jiawei Liu
- Zoey Liu
- Andrea Wu

### Important Dates:

- December 2 - Giving Tuesday
- December 5 - 8th Grade visits Kenwood High School, Room 308 walking trip to Chinatown Library
- December 6 - Picture Day
- December 13 - Last day to apply for high school for 8th graders on [go.cps.edu](http://go.cps.edu)
- December 18 & 19 - Winter Arts Festival
- December 23-January 1 - Winter Break
- January 2, 2020 - School Resumes