



FEBRUARY

Language Arts

6th graders will continue build literacy skills and improve comprehension of texts of increasing complexity by reading other drama, fiction, and nonfiction texts in both NewsELA and ThinkCERCA. They will also continue to expand their vocabulary through their Word Work project.

8th graders will focus on answering text dependent questions. Students will continue reading *A Raisin in the Sun* (Room 309) and *To Kill a Mockingbird* (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 will have begun writing algebraic equations and solving them. Students learn about how we can use the properties of equality in order to solve equations with an unknown variable.

8th graders will continue to work on exponent relationships. They will analyze how growth/decay factors affect the exponential relationship.

Students in the Algebra class are working through skills of identifying functions and function notation. The idea of input and outputs will be tied into solving problems involving graphing and table relationships.

Science

6th graders has started their Earth's Systems unit. They will learn more about the Earth's four systems, geosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and atmosphere and their interactions.

8th graders has started their unit on Energy. They also resumed their investigation on the effect of changing the diets of wax moth on their fecundity or ability to reproduce.

Social Science

6th graders will use the textbook along with projects to study the life of ancient Egyptians and the significance of living along the Nile River. Skill focus is on paraphrasing informational text, summarizing informational text and the modern nations of Africa.

8th graders will start the unit on the Progressive Era. After building background knowledge about the progressive causes students will participate in a mock trial using factual events from the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire. Skill focus is on developing questions, active listening, consensus building, and the basic procedures of a criminal courtroom.



Happy Chinese New Year Haines Family! This is the beginning of our third quarter and we are done with half of the school year! Make sure your child is reading nightly. Reading can boost brain power, helps sleep and increase empathy.

"The time is always right to do what is right."
-Martin Luther King Jr.

BIRTHDAYS AND STUDENT OF THE MONTH/WEEK

Happy birthday to:

- Cathy Ye
- Hengeric Wu
- Yingyi
- Danielle Goldsborough
- Steven Lin
- Samantha Li
- Jeffrey Mei
- Jian Bin Huang
- Jaylen Waidley

Important Dates:
February 7 - 2nd Quarter Report Cards distributed
February 17 - Presidents Day - No School
February 28- Black History Month Expo