



JANUARY

Language Arts

6th graders will build literacy skills and improve comprehension of texts of increasing complexity by reading other drama, fiction, and nonfiction texts in both NewsELA and ThinkCERCA.

8th graders will focus on answering text dependent questions. Students will continue 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 will continue to work through the main ideas of expressions and equations. Using what they know about order of operations, will create algebraic expressions based on giving situations.

8th graders will be working on exponent relationships. Students will look for patterns to simplify exponential expressions. Students will then compare exponential expressions with linear expressions as well as graphs and tables.

Students in the Algebra class are working through a linear relationship unit. With a large portion of review of 7th grade skills students will build on slope-intercept form and apply it to other linear forms, point-slope and standard form.

Science

6th graders will be concluding their Earth in the Solar System unit on remote sensing, exploring gravity as a force dependent on mass and distance and its effect on space travel.

8th graders will finish their unit on matter by exploring conservation of mass during chemical reactions in a closed system. They will also resume their investigation on the effect of changing the diets of wax moth on their fecundity or ability to reproduce.

Social Science

6th graders will complete the 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 finish their 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 New Year Haines Family! Welcome back to all our students! Make sure your child is reading nightly. Reading can boost brain power, helps sleep and increase empathy.

“Every moment is a fresh beginning.”
-T.S. Eliot

BIRTHDAYS AND STUDENT OF THE MONTH/WEEK

Happy birthday to:

Reginald Armstrong
Hengeric Wu
Yingyi Mei

- Important Dates:
January 2 - School Resumes
January 8 - Spelling Bee
January 10 - Superhero Dance
January 20 - No School- MLK Birthday
January 25 - Chinese Lunar New Year
January 27 - Lion Dance
January 31 - No School- Improvement Day
February 27 - Chinese New Year Parade at 1pm