



MARCH

Language Arts

6th graders will continue to build literacy skills and improve comprehension of texts of increasing complexity by reading literature 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 are beginning a unit on ratios and rates. Students will use their prior understanding of fractions and extend this to proportional reasoning.

8th graders have begun working on a geometry unit involving transformations. Students will be able to flip, turn, slide, stretch and shrink shapes given tools and strategies while looking for patterns

Students in the Algebra class are working on exponential relationships. Students will look for patterns that arise while using exponents and apply exponent strategies to skills such as scientific notation.

Science

Both 6th and 8th graders will conduct an algae investigation where they learn about algae in general and their uses in particular. They will also experiment on the effect of different amounts of media and algae on their propagation rate.

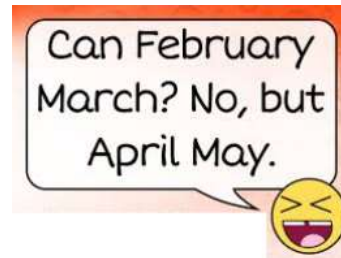
6th graders will continue learning about Earth's four systems as they investigate water as a solvent and the water cycle before they focus on the Earth's atmosphere.

8th graders will be ending their Energy unit and start their Force and Motion Unit.

Social Science

6th graders will learn about women who broke barriers to achieve great things. Skill focus is on paraphrasing informational text and summarizing informational text.

8th graders will investigate 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.



Welcome to March! We are just a little over half of the year and this next month is filled with many activities. Make sure your child is well rested and ready for IAR testing. Make sure your child is reading nightly. Reading can boost brain power, helps sleep and increase empathy.

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest”
~Benjamin Franklin

BIRTHDAYS AND STUDENT OF THE MONTH/WEEK

Happy birthday to:

Yingen Mei
Angela Huang
Annie Li

Harmoni Puckett
Cedrick Jackson
Devin Butler-Scott Thomas
Karen Xiao

Jeffrey Mei
Jian Bin Huang
Jaylen Waidley

Important Dates:

March 11-13 and 16-18 - IAR Reading and Mathematics
March 27 - Career Day