



# OCTOBER

## Language Arts

Ms. Keith, teaching artist from the Lyric Opera House will continue to work with 6th graders to create a presentation in connection with the The Barber of Seville Opera while the class start their Drama unit.

8th graders will continue a short story unit. Students will focus on the elements of short stories. Students will also be working on vocabulary that utilizes the root/affix of the week as well as grammar skills.

## Math

6th graders will begin focusing on integers and rational numbers. They will build the foundation for 7th grade operations with integers and rational numbers.

8th graders will continue to focus on linear and nonlinear patterns which is carried over from 7th grade. Students will collect data and analyze to determine equations of lines.

Students in the Algebra class will be focusing on expressions and equations. They will look at patterns and methods to solve equations of one variable.

## Science

6th and 8th graders will continue to present their summer enrichment articles featuring current scientific investigations and/or research or problems requiring engineering design solutions.

They will also start to breed wax worms for the parallel experiments with students from the High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology, Brooklyn, NY, involving plastic-eating invertebrates.

## Social Science

6th graders continue to study the five themes of geography and ancient civilizations in Mesopotamia. Focus skills: reading a map to show the movement of people, annotation, and close reading of secondary sources.

8th graders will continue the Facing History and Ourselves unit: *The Reconstruction Era and The Fragility of Democracy*. Focus skills: contextualization, annotation and close reading of primary sources.



Fall is here! We have quite a busy month! The 8th graders will begin researching and applying for high school. There are many different types of high schools and we encourage all students to apply for as many as possible. Make sure your child is reading nightly. Reading can boost brain power, helps sleep and increase empathy.

“Family is the most important thing in the world.”  
-Princess Diana

## BIRTHDAYS AND STUDENT OF THE MONTH/WEEK

Happy birthday to:

Daniel Yu      Nelson Huang  
Alice Jiang    Anthony Lin  
Liwen Qiu  
Darron Rouse

We want to recognize:

Students who did the morning pledge during the last two weeks of September! Great job!

### Important Dates:

- October 3 - Room 308 Walking trip to Chinatown Library, 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm (pending approval)
- October 4 - Progress Reports
- October 7-18 - LSC Taffy Apple Sale
- October 30 - Trunk or Treat at Haines Parking Lot