What's Happening?

⬇Week ofJune 5-June 9, 2023!! ⬇

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Students have finished Romeo and Juliet and are moving onto a series of one act plays to finish the year. We will be reading *Twelve Angry Men, Monsters Are Due on Maple Street*, and the radio play, *Sorry Wrong Number.* Membean final test will be on Wednesday 6/7.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
Monday and Tuesday-iReady diagnostic test. Later, we will review scale and scale drawing. Students will be doing real life problems with scale.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are reading and taking notes on the Roman Republic. We are going to tackle the question "How did the Roman Republic turn into the Roman Empire"

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
🐸 THE FROGS ARE COMING 🐸
Wrapping up the digestive system with a lab that takes us from the 👄 to the 🚽. Then we get to start the investigation of the outside of our frogs!!

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes-We are beginning our dramatic reading of Shakespeare with an abridged version of his comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Students are taking parts (and doing some acting) in class to finish out the year in ELA. Membean final will be next week.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
Per 4 and Per 5-We will be reviewing some skills and also work on some challenge problems.
Per 1- Monday and Tuesday- iReady diagnostic test. We will review solving and graphing inequalities and solving multi- step equations with fractions and decimals.
Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We are working on our Civic Action project! This is a student led project so each class and groups in class are doing different projects to consider how they can, now and in the future, make a positive impact on their community.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
A deeper dive into evolution exploring four types of evidence that support the findings of Darwin!!

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA

Mrs. Singh's Math Class
Per 7 Common Assessment on Wednesday
Per 3- Common assessment on Tuesday
Later, we will review expressions and equations with fractions and decimals.

Math MCAS- 22nd and 23rd May
We will be starting our last unit on angles and polygons. Students will learn about complementary, supplementary, adjacent and vertical angles. They will also find unknown angles using equations.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We will wrap up our look at the major conflicts that shaped the Greeks and then consider how the Greeks influenced the modern world.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
This week we will be designing and completing a lab that will determine how the position of our body and activity affect our respiration and pulse rates.

******NEW DATE : FIELD TRIP: MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, CANCELLED*****

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes are finishing our dramatic reading of *Romeo and Juliet* and working on analyzing important quotations from the play. We will be having an assessment by the end of the week. Membean continues.

Mrs. Singh's Math Class
Math MCAS- 22nd and 23rd May

We will review adjacent, vertical, complementary and supplementary angles followed by the quiz.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We will consider how geography impacts people by looking at the impact of the geography of Rome and how it influenced its development.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
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8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- Students did a great job with their research and projects about the 1960s. I think everyone learned something from each presentation. We are writing short papers comparing and contrasting our chosen topics from the 1960s with society in 2023. We are well into our reading of S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*, with many students reading a book faster than they knew they could. It continues to ve a very popular text.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
Math MCAS- 22nd and 23rd May
Per 4 and Per 5- We will be working on applications of the concepts learned throughout the year.
Per 1- We will review functions, linear functions followed by the quiz.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are looking at how the interpretation of the Constitution has changed over time. We will continue our research project examining different SCOTUS cases to give evidence of how our interpretation of the Constitution has evolved over time.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
A deeper dive into evolution exploring four types of evidence that support the findings of Darwin!!

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA students are completing Odysseus' journey home to Ithaca. We are making connections to Greek culture and belief systems. We will be having an assessment

on the Trojan War and *The Odyssey* mid week. Membean minutes continue and a quiz will be given on the ER day 5/12.

Mrs. Singh's Math Class

Math MCAS- 22nd and 23rd May

We will be starting our last unit on angles and polygons. Students will learn about complementary, supplementary, adjacent and vertical angles. They will also find unknown angles using equations.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We will wrap up our look at the major conflicts that shaped the Greeks and then consider how the Greeks influenced the modern world.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

This week we will be designing and completing a lab that will determine how the position of our body and activity affect our respiration and pulse rates.

******NEW DATE : FIELD TRIP: MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, CANCELLED*****

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- We will begin our study of the 1960s to prepare for S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders.* Students will be researching topics such as the political landscape, technology, gender roles, music/entertainment as well as car and fashion trends of the decade.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Math MCAS- 22nd and 23rd May

Per 4 and Per 5- Common Assessment on Tuesday, 5/9 on Functions.
Later on we will work on scatter plots. Line of fit and two way tables. Also, we will start preparing for MCAS.
Per 1- We will continue practicing functions and linear functions and their representation. Then, we will work on analyzing the graph, followed by the quiz.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We are looking at how the interpretation of the Constitution has changed over time. We will continue our research project examining different SCOTUS cases to give evidence of how our interpretation of the Constitution has evolved over time.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We are off on The Amazing Race through Geologic time... bacteria, invertebrates and dinosaurs, ohm my. We will be on the lookout for Scrat, Sid and Manny. Each travel group will present the evidence they gathered along the way, presentations will be given after break. ***Assessment for all classes Tuesday, April 11, 2023***

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA students are beginning Odysseus' journey home from the Trojan War. We will be reading an abridged version of Homer's *Odyssey.* Work continues in grammar when we will begin studying complements.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will learn about the simple interest and use formulas to find simple interest and amount. Then, review for common assessment and CA on Thursday.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We will wrap up our look at the major conflicts that shaped the Greeks and then consider how the Greeks influenced the modern world.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
This week we will be designing and completing a lab that will determine how the position of our body and activity affect our respiration and pulse rates.

******NEW DATE : FIELD TRIP: MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, MAY 11, 2023. NEW DATE ******

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8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- We will continue reading speeches and analyzing the rhetorical devices used by the speakers. We will focus on identifying pathos, ethos, and logos and analyzing their effectiveness in a speech.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
Per 4 and Per 5- We will continue practicing functions and linear functions and their representation. Then, we will work on analyzing the graph, followed by the quiz.

Per 1- We will review for CA on Tuesday and CA will be on Wednesday. Then we will start Unit 8 on Functions. First, we will find the difference between relations and functions, then we will move onto representation of functions.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are looking at how the interpretation of the Constitution has changed over time. We will continue our research project examining different SCOTUS cases to give evidence of how our interpretation of the Constitution has evolved over time.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
We are off on The Amazing Race through Geologic time... bacteria, invertebrates and dinosaurs, ohm my. We will be on the lookout for Scrat, Sid and Manny. Each travel group will present the evidence they gathered along the way, presentations will be given after break. ***Assessment for all classes Tuesday, April 11, 2023***

What's Happening?

⬇Week of April 24-28, 2023!! ⬇

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA students will begin a cross-curricular study of Greek mythology. We will be learning about the Trojan War and the story of Odysseus' return from Troy. We will also be doing some review of the expectations for the MCAS which will be administered on 4/25-4/26.

Mrs. Singh's Math Class
We will continue with percent increase or decrease, discounts and mark-ups. Students will get the understanding of these concepts through word problems.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We will wrap up our look at the major conflicts that shaped the Greeks and then consider how the Greeks influenced the modern world.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
This week we will be designing and completing a lab that will determine how the position of our body and activity affect our respiration and pulse rates.

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8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- We will begin a short study of different rhetorical methods. This time of year many people are thinking about graduation so we will start with different types of commencement speeches with a focus on what techniques/attributes make the most memorable speeches. We will also be doing some review of the expectations for the MCAS which will be administered on 4/25-4/26.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Per 4 and Per 5- We will start Unit 8 on Functions. First, we will find the difference between relations and functions, then we will move onto representation of functions.

Per 1- This week we will work on Scientific and Standard notations.

OPerations with Scientific notations and approximating numbers, followed by the quiz.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We are looking at how the interpretation of the Constitution has changed over time. We will continue our research project examining different SCOTUS cases to give evidence of how our interpretation of the Constitution has evolved over time.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We are off on The Amazing Race through Geologic time... bacteria, invertebrates and dinosaurs, ohm my. We will be on the lookout for Scrat, Sid and Manny. Each travel group will present the evidence they gathered along the way, presentations will be given after break. ***Assessment for all classes Tuesday, April 11, 2023***

What's Happening?

⬇Week of April 10-14, 2023!! ⬇

We hope that everyone has a fantastic Spring Break filled with relaxing, fun, friends and family.

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA students will continue to analyze classic pieces of poetry such as sonnets as well as contemporary poetry and music lyrics. We will be preparing for an assessment on poem analysis and identifying poetic devices. We will also be doing some review of the expectations for the MCAS which will be administered on 4/25-4/26.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
Quiz on Percents, Decimals, Percents and percent proportion, followed by the percent increase or decrease

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We will explore what takes place in Greece after the Persian war and attempt to discover the cause and effects of that famous conflict.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
This week we will be designing and completing a lab that will determine how the position of our body and activity affect our respiration and pulse rates.

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8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- We will continue our study of poetry focusing on sonnets next week. We will also be doing some review of the expectations for the MCAS which will be administered on 4/25-4/26.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
Per 4 and Per 5- Quiz - Tuesday, 4/11 on Scientific Notations. Common Assessment Unit 7 on Friday, 4/ 14
Per 1- This week we will work on Scientific and Standard notations.
OPerations with Scientific notations and approximating numbers

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are looking at how the interpretation of the Constitution has changed over time. We will start a research project examining different SCOTUS cases to give evidence of how our interpretation of the Constitution has evolved over time.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
We are off on The Amazing Race through Geologic time... bacteria, invertebrates and dinosaurs, ohm my. We will be on the lookout for Scrat, Sid and Manny. Each travel group will present the evidence they gathered along the way, presentations will be given after break. ***Assessment for all classes Tuesday, April 11, 2023***

What's Happening?

⬇Week of March 20-24, 2023!! ⬇

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes-We are finishing argument writing and moving on to poetry and an independent literature unit. Students will be selecting from a variety of titles to read independently. They will complete comprehension and analysis questions as they read. In class we will be starting our study of poetry and continuing to practice our correct grammar usage rules.

Mrs. Singh's Math Class
We will be working on scale, scale factor, unit conversions. The problems with area and perimeter using the scale. Later we will start proportional relationships with tables and graphs.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are going to look at evidence from History and historians about Classical Athenian Democracy and argue if Athens was truly a democracy, or not.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
We will be starting the muscular system.

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8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- Students are finishing their argument papers for *Fahrenheit 451*, but we are still writing! We will be working on a cross-curricular project with Civics. Students will be writing part of their Civil Rights Biography paper in ELA class next week. I am excited to work with students to help share the stories of so many brave individuals.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Per 4 and Per 5- Common Assessment Wednesday, 3/22 on systems of equations. Monday, Tuesday we will review for CA

On Thursday, we will start unit 7 on Exponents and Scientific Notations. We will begin with the product of powers property.

Per 1- We will explore special systems of linear equations, come out with the rule for one solution, no solution and infinitely many solutions. We will continue practicing solving systems by graphing and substitution

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We will work on our research project on Civil Rights Leaders. We will learn research methodology and the evaluation of sources while researching the career and impact of different civil rights leaders throughout history.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

They have moved on to a new unit in Earth Science - Geologic time

What's Happening?

⬇Week of March 13 -March 17, 2023!! ⬇

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes-We are continuing to practice our skills in writing an effective argument. The focus is on crafting a thesis and using clear reasoning (with evidence from sources) as well as the incorporation of a counterclaim in our writing. This process will include correctly citing sources and writing a works cited page.

Mrs. Singh's Math Class

Quiz- Tuesday, 3/14 on ratios, rate, unit rates and proportions.
Later we will be working on Proportional Relationships.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We will continue working on the development of Democratic traditions and their origins in Ancient Greece. We will examine Athens and Sparta and compare their governments and cultures.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We will be starting the muscular system.

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8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- Students are writing their final paper for the text *Fahrenheit 451*. We have completed our reading and discussion of the text and now we will focus on writing an effective argument using evidence from the text.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Per 1- We will be solving systems of equations using substitution. We will be working on writing systems of equations with word problems.
Per 4 and Per 5- We will explore special systems of linear equations, followed by the quiz later on elimination and special systems.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We will work on our research project on Civil Rights Leaders. We will learn research methodology and the evaluation of sources while researching the career and impact of different civil rights leaders throughout history.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
They have moved on to a new unit in Earth Science - Geologic time

What's Happening?

⬇Week of March 6 -March 10, 2023!! ⬇

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes-We are working on the elements of an effective argument. The focus is on writing a thesis with effective reasoning and the incorporation of a counterclaim in our writing.
We are also finally having our root word test this week. Students have a study sheet and many practice worksheets from which to review.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

We will continue to work on rates, unit rates and proportions with complex fractions. Also, we will be working on word problems.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We are working on the development of Democratic traditions and their origins in Ancient Greece. We will examine Athens and Sparta and compare their governments and cultures.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We will be starting the muscular system.

****** FIELD TRIP: MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, MARCH 16, 2023. FAMILY CHAPERONES WELCOME!!******

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8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- Students are finishing their study of Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. The final section will focus on symbolism of key elements in the novel such as the phoenix, mirrors, water and of course, fire. We will be preparing for our final assessment this week.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Per 1- We will be solving systems of equations using substitution. We will be working on writing systems of equations with word problems.
Per 4 and Per 5- Monday, 3/6- Quiz on solving systems of equations by graphing and substitution. After that we will start solving the systems by elimination and word problems.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We will start a research project on Civil Rights Leaders. We will learn research methodology and the valuation of sources while researching the career and impact of different civil rights leaders throughout history.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

They have moved on to a new unit in Earth Science - Geologic time

What's Happening?

⬇Week of February 27 -March 3, 2023!! ⬇

7th Grade Field Trip, & Happy Vacation

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- Having finished our reading of The Giver, we will begin a writing assignment that will include an analysis of the text as well as writing an effective argumentative paper. This will be a multi week project. At the beginning of the week we will finish our "Symbols Slideshow" for the text.
We will also finally have our quiz on Greek and Latin root words at the end of the week.
Have a wonderful break!!

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

We will spend a day reviewing equations and inequalities followed by CA on Tuesday. After that we will start rates and unit rates, writing and solving proportions.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We will continue our examination of European geography and how it impacted the settlement of Ancient Greece.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
We will continue to investigate the skeletal system- NEXT UP how bones move!

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8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- Students are continuing their study of Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. As we read the final section of the novel, we will focus on the author's use of symbolism to create tone.
Wishing everyone a restful and fun break with family and friends.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
Per 1- We will start the week reviewing graphing equations followed by solving systems of equations by graphing.
Per 4 and Per 5- We will be working with solving systems of equations by substitution, word problems and quiz on graphing and substitution towards the end of the week.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We will examine primary source documents and finding connections between Enlightenment philosophy and the Declaration of Independence.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We are wrapping up the Theory of Plate Tectonics and the Theory of Continental Drift... next up, geologic time.

REMINDER: 🌋 Earth Assessment v.1 Causes & Effects of Plate Tectonics, Volcanoes & Earthquakes + Continental Drift will be **Purple: Tuesday, February 14**; **Green: Wednesday, February 15 &** **Blue: Wednesday, February 15**... Study guides HAVE BEEN handed out and posted to Google Classroom. The GC post has a place to turn in pictures of your completed study guide and it has a blank copy (just in case of a loss). To receive a copy of the answer key, the study guide must be finished and turned in on Google Classroom before 8p the night before the assessment. ALL STUDY GUIDES MUST BE TURNED IN ON TEST DAY!

What's Happening?

⬇Week of February 13 -February 19,2023!! ⬇

7th Grade Field Trip, One week before vacation & *Happy Valentine's day!* ❤

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- Students will be finishing The Giver and preparing for an assessment. We are also creating a "Symbols Slideshow" in which students demonstrate their understanding of the many types of symbolism used in the text.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

We will continue with solving and graphing inequalities. word problems followed by the quiz and CA on equations and inequalities towards the end of the week.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We will continue our examination of European geography and how it impacted the settlement of Ancient Greece.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We will continue to investigate the skeletal system- NEXT UP how bones move!

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8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes- Students are continuing their study of Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. We are also completing a cause/effect open response on the changes the protagonist, Montag experiences in the text.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

We will work on Similar Triangles and Angles followed by a review for Unit 5 CA on Pythagorean Theorem, Parallel Lines and Transversal and Similar Triangles and CA towards the end of the week.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

Students will present their research on topics related to the Constitutional Convention. If we have time we will review the parts of government as set forth in the Constitution.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We are wrapping up the Theory of Plate Tectonics and the Theory of Continental Drift... next up, geologic time.

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What's Happening?

Week of February 6 -February 10, ⬇2023!! ⬇

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Students will be having an assessment Tuesday on the first half of *The Giver*. Everyone should review their notes & quotes. We are focusing on the author's use of irony in the text. Students should also be reviewing their Greek and Latin root words (pink sheets) as we will be having a vocabulary quiz before the winter break.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

We will start the week with the Quiz on Monday on solving equations. Review from all the worksheets. After that we will start graphing inequalities and solving inequalities

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Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

Students will be examining the physical geography of Europe and hypothesizing how that geography impacted European civilizations

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We are learning about the skeletal system this week- with a focus on the functions and structure!

The foot bone's connected to the leg bone.
The leg bone's connected to the knee bone.
The knee bone's connected to the thigh bone.
Doin' the skeleton dance

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REMINDER: Life Science Assessment v1: 🔬Cells, Cell Theory and Microscopes Assessment will be Wednesday, February 8... Study guides HAVE BEEN handed out and posted to Google Classroom. The GC post has a place to turn in pictures of your completed study guide and it has a blank copy (just in case of a loss). To receive a copy of the answer key, the study guide must be finished and turned in on Google Classroom before 8p TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7. ALL ORGANISMS MUST TURN IN THEIR STUDY GUIDE ON TEST DAY!

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

As we continue our study of Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, we will continue our close reading and annotating of passages in class as well as quotation analysis in small groups. We will have a quiz next week on Part 1 of the text, "The Hearth and the Salamander".

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

We will continue with angles of the triangle and exterior angles of a triangle followed by the quiz. Towards the end of the week we will start reviewing for CA

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

Students will be examining primary sources discussing the Articles of Confederation and the lead up to the Constitutional Convention.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

The Ring of Fire, plates converging and sliding past each other. This week we will look at what happens at each of the three types of plate boundaries.

What's Happening?

⬇️ Week of January 30 - February 3, 2023!! ⬇️

**** Term 3 is underway... we've passed the halfway mark!****

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Students are studying Greek and Latin root words and their important role in English language. We are also continuing our reading and discussion of Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. We will be focusing on the text as a "Coming of Age" novel emphasizing the importance of memory to our identities.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Students will be solving equations with multiplication and division involving fractions and decimals. They will be writing and solving equations from real world problems. It will be followed by the quiz on solving one step equations.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

Students will be examining the physical geography of Europe and hypothesizing how that geography impacted European civilizations

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

Ask your organisms about the microscopes... we had so much FUN!!! We will begin wrapping up our Cells unit this week. Eukaryotic Cells, Prokaryotic Cells, Plant & Animal cells... ask them- they should be able to tell you what they have in common and how they differ and where they are found.

REMINDER: Life Science Assessment v1: 🔬Cells, Cell Theory and Microscopes Assessment is tentatively planned for February 1 or 2 ish... Study guides will be handed out and posted later this week on Google Classroom. The GC post will have a place to turn in pictures of your completed study guide and it will have a blank copy (just in case of a loss). Remember, if you want a copy of the key, you need to finish the study guide and turn it in on Google Classroom before 8p the night before the assessment.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

As we continue our study of Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, we will focus on two questions: "How is the text a cautionary tale?" and "Why is it critically important for people to think independently?" We will be doing close reading of passages in class as well as quotation analysis in small groups.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Students will continue with the converse of the Pythagorean Theorem, real life application of Pythagorean theorem followed by the Quiz.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
Students will be examining primary sources discussing the Articles of Confederation and the lead up to the Constitutional Convention.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
Density is in the rearview mirror and on we go to plate tectonics and The Ring of Fire! Things are heating up in Earth Science... next week we will start mapping earthquakes and volcanoes around the world. There is a pattern and we are going to crack the code... Need some dinner table conversation starters? Why do things float? Why do they sink? Why/how do you think the continents move? Enjoy!

What's Happening?

⬇️ Week of January 23 - January 27, 2023!! ⬇️

****** Just a reminder that the Term ENDS Monday (January 23)******

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
Students will begin our discussion about dystopian literature. We will start reading Lois Lowry's *The Giver* with an emphasis on the use of irony and word choice by the author. Classes will have a membean quiz at the beginning of the week.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
Students will be able to solve one step equations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also work on real life application of the equations.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
Students will learn about the Silk Road and how trade connections between peoples fosters the spread of ideas between them.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

Make sure to ask your favorite seventh grade eukaryotic organism(s) about the swabbing, staining and viewing. Everyone should be a Master of the Microscope by the end of the week!

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8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Students are continuing our study of science fiction with Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. Next week we will be focusing on the author's use of figurative language to set tone. With each week we will have a different focus for the novel. Classes will have a membean quiz on Monday.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Students will learn how to use Pythagorean Theorem to find out the missing side of the right angled triangle. We will also do the real life application. Then we move to the converse of the theorem.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

Students will consider the Articles of Confederation and hypothesize their relative strengths and weaknesses.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We have journeyed through earth's layers. Next we will conduct an experiment to help us figure out *why* the layers exist (it is also the same reason lava lamps work).

What's Happening?

⬇️ Week of January 16 - January 20, 2023!! ⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Students are finishing *Tunes for Bears to Dance To.* We are focusing on the theme of good vs evil and how power can be abused. We will continue our study of Greek and Latin root words.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

We will continue with equivalent expressions, factoring the polynomial. Then, review for common assessment and CA Thursday/Friday.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes.

We are going to read "Letter from Birmingham Jail" written by Martin Luther King jr. in 1963.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

This week we are exploring organelles and cells... next up, swabbing our cheeks so we can look at the cells from our mouth! Then, we will use a microscope to compare our cheek cells to plant cells in an onion.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Students are finishing their personal memoirs. We are focusing on using vivid language and finding our authentic voice in our writing . I look forward to reading about their "memorable moments". We will have a membean quiz on Friday.
Enjoy your long weekend.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

We will review for common assessment and CA on Wednesday/ Thursday
Later, we will start parallel lines and transversal.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We are going to read "Letter from Birmingham Jail" written by Martin Luther King jr. in 1963.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

Journey to the Center of the Earth is our mission this week... using the BBC website (one of Miss M's faves) we will dive and drill to the core! As we travel, we will gather information about the layers and begin looking at how the crust has changed over the past 700+ million years!

What's Happening?

⬇️ Week of January 9 - January 12, 2023!! ⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Students are learning about etymology and the Greek and Latin root words that make up much of English language. We are also reading a short novel by Robert Cormier, *Tunes for Bears to Dance to*. We will be focusing on inference skills and the use of figurative language by the author.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

We will continue practicing distributive property and combining like terms. Then we will move on to factoring algebraic expressions and equivalent expressions.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes.
We are writing essays arguing whether the Great Wall of China was worth the cost to the Chinese people, with evidence based on primary sources from the Qin and Han dynasties.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
As we start the new year, we are also beginning to explore a new branch of science... Life Science. Seventh grade will be looking at cells and how they work and why they are so important.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
Students have been reading short memoirs as models for the personal memoir we will be starting next week. The emphasis is on "core memories" that have helped shape the people we have become and the reflection that our present self brings to our memories.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will be working on pproximating square roots to the nearest tenth place. Placing square roots on the number line and ordering rational and irrational numbers.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are examining the Declaration of Independence and working towards a deeper understanding by translating it into either 21st Century teen "lingo" or a graphic based representation.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
As we start the new year, we are also beginning to explore a new branch of science... Earth Science. We will be Journeying to the Center of the Earth this week... make sure to ask your student(s) about the elephants!!

What's Happening?

⬇️ Week of December 23 - January 2, 2023!! ⬇️

Our team wishes all of our families a restful, healthy, and joyful break!!

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Students are finishing the historical fiction novel, *Daniel's Story*. We will be working on analyzing key quotes and incorporating these quotes into short writing assignments. We will have an assessment on the book on Wednesday 12/21.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Students will be introduced to algebraic expressions. We will work on identifying terms, like terms, simplifying expressions, distributive property with algebraic expressions.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We are examining the cost, resources and human, vs. the benefit of the Great Wall of China during the Qin and Han dynasties.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

Assessments will be Friday, December 23, 2022 for 🟠 🔴 Study guides will be handed out on Monday in class. The turn in will have a blank copy (just in case of a loss) and will post Monday. Remember, if you want a copy of the key, you need to finish the study guide and turn it in on Google Classroom before 8p on Thursday, December 22, 2022.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

We are continuing our focus on analyzing themes in *Night* such as dehumanization and loss of faith as well as the motifs of silence, fire, and night. We will be finishing our writing assignment and preparing for our final assessments of the memoir. Our open response is due on Thursday 12/22 and our assessment will be mid-week with the day depending on when classes meet.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Per 4 and Per 5- Students will have a quiz on square roots, cube and exponents on Tuesday, 12/20. After that we will work on writing repeated decimals as a fraction, fractions as decimals and classifying real numbers.

Per 1- We will continue with square roots and move then move on to finding cube roots, evaluating expressions with cube roots and solving equations with cube roots. At the end of the week, they will have a quiz on that.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We are writing fictional journal entries from Boston colonists living during the pivotal era prior to the revolution. Students are demonstrating their understanding of the era through this historical fiction exercise.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

Assessments will be Thursday, December 22, 2022 for 🔵🟢🟣. Study guides were handed out on Friday, December 16, 2022. The turn in will have a blank copy (just in case of a loss) and will post Monday. Remember, if you want a copy of the key, you need to finish the study guide and turn it in on Google Classroom before 8p on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

What's Happening?

⬇️ Week of December 12 - December 16, 2022 ⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Students are reading *Daniel's Story*. They should be reading each night. We are starting quotation analysis and some small writing assignments using evidence from the text.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will spend a couple of days reviewing for CA. Common Assessment on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing rational numbers on Wednesday. After that we will start Algebraic Expressions.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are examining the historical impact of the two philosophies that emerged during the Warring States Period of ancient China by writing our own textbook about the topic.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
Assessments will be 🟠Wednesday, December 14, 2022 🔴Thursday, December 15, 2022... Study guides have been handed out in the 🔴 class and 🟠will . The turn in will have a blank copy (just in case of a loss) and will post later today. Remember, if you want a copy of the key, you need to finish the study guide and turn it in on Google Classroom before 8p the night before the assessment.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
THis week classes will be completing our reading of Elie Wiesel's *Night.* We are continuing our focus on analyzing themes such as dehumanization and loss of faith as well as the motifs of silence, fire, and night. We will be starting our writing assignment

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will start Unit 4 with Exponents then move on to square roots.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are going to examine letters from the founding generation to try and track the progress of the American mind from loyal British subjects to revolutionaries. Students tackle specific years and teach small groups about the pivotal events from that year.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We are moving into chemical reactions with an emphasis on chemical equations, conservation of mass and chemical bonds. First up next week, conservation of mass and playing with blocks!!

What's Happening?
⬇️ Week of December 5 - December 9, 2022 ⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Classes will begin with background information on WWII and the Holocaust to prepare for the next novel we will read, *Daniel's Story* by Carol Matas. Students will receive their books on Tuesday so they should be reading each night. We will have a membean quiz on Friday.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

We will start with multiplying and dividing integers followed by multiplying and dividing rational numbers and a quiz on this at the end of the week.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We are examining the historical impact of the two philosophies that emerged during the Warring States Period of ancient China by writing our own textbook about the topic.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

Will continue exploring the interactions of the Sun-Earth-Moon system and wrap up with an assessment at the end of the week.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Classes are continuing work in Elie Wiesel's *Night.* We are focusing on analyzing themes such as dehumanization and loss of faith as well as the motifs of silence,

fire, and night. As this is a memoir, there is a focus on memory including an exploration of how and why we remember what we do.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will work on the standard form of the equation, followed by the point slope form. Then we will review all forms of equation and the common assessment at the end of the week.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are going to examine letters from the founding generation to try and track the progress of the American mind from loyal British subjects to revolutionaries. Students tackle specific years and teach small groups about the pivotal events from that year.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
We will continue to explore chemical reactions, Bohr Diagrams and bonding culminating with an assessment at the end of the week.

What's Happening?

⬇️ Week of November 28- December 2, 2022 ⬇️

We are all thankful for all of you!
Wishing all of our families a wonderful Thanksgiving Break!
We hope it is filled with great food, fun times with those you love and many relaxing moments.

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
Students will be completing a creative writing assignment in which they write a "Lost Chapter" from *The Outsiders*. They will be writing a "missing scene" from the story from a different character's perspective.
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Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will work on plotting rational numbers on the number line and finding the distance between them. Then, we will move to adding and subtracting rational numbers. They will have a quiz on adding and subtracting rational numbers at the end of the week.
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Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are going to examine the impact of the Qin Dynasty on Chinese history. We will examine primary and secondary sources to build our understanding of the Qin and consider how the fairly brief yet powerful Dynasty left its mark on history and Chinese culture.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
We will be recovering from all the pie and exploring eclipses and the relationship between gravity and tides on Earth.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
Students are reading Elie Wiesel's *Night.* We will be focusing on the author's craft and style in the text as well as the use of motifs such as fire, silence, and night itself. Students will be receiving the text on Monday to begin reading at home.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will start the week with proportional relationships with tables. Graphs and equations. We will be working on real life problems related to proportional relationships and slope- intercept form. Quiz on both of these at the end of the week.
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Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are going to examine letters from the founding generation to try and track the progress of the American mind from loyal British subject to revolutionaries. We will back this up with sections of the textbook to provide necessary historical context of the time period.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
After recovering from all the pie and cranberry sauce, we will continue to explore the atom!

What's Happening?
⬇️ Week of November 21th - 25th, 2022⬇️

We are all thankful for all of you!
Wishing all of our families a wonderful Thanksgiving Break!
We hope it is filled with great food, fun times with those you love and many relaxing moments.

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
Classes are completing their assessments of S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders.* Students should be reviewing important quotes from the text to prepare for their test. After break we will complete a creative writing assignment tied to the novel.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will work rational numbers- changing fractions to decimals, decimals to fractions, ordering rational numbers and representing those on the number line.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are considering what goes into the formation of culture by examining the different influences that worked to shape Classical China. We will continue this examination by looking at the philosophies of China that emerged during the Warring States Period. We will be practicing different forms of note taking on varied sources about these philosophies.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
We are wrapping up our unit with 🌗🌑 Escape Room: Moon Phases 🌑🌒🌓 and both classes earned a game day for great behavior in the month of November!

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
Classes are holding their final book group session on the novels we have been reading. We are continuing our in class reading of Elie Wiesel's *Night.* Students will receive their copies to take home for independent reading after our break.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will continue to work with graphing and writing linear equations in slope intercept form.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
With a solid foundation of the actors and setting of the colonial period we can now examine the shift in attitude that will bring the colonists from jubilant British Subjects in 1763 to rebels in 1775.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
We are wrapping up our unit with 🧪Escape Room: Chemistry 👩🏼‍🔬and all three classes earned a game day for great behavior in the month of November!

What's Happening?
⬇️ Week of November 14th - 18th, 2022⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
Next week 7th grade classes will be completing our reading of *The Outsiders.* Along with practicing our comprehension/inferencing skills we will also be focusing on the author's style and voice to prepare for our next narrative writing assignment.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will start the week with the review of Adding and Subtracting Integers followed by the quiz on that. Then, we will work on adding and subtracting rational numbers.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are considering what goes into the formation of culture by examining the different influences that worked to shape Classical China. We will consider how

philosophy and ideas shape culture by looking at the Mandate of Heaven from the Zhou Dynasty and three great philosophies that developed in the Warring States Period.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Early next week classes will have our second literature circle/seminar class. This is a discussion model led by students to engage in conversation about key themes in the text. By the end of the week we will be preparing to finish our independent books and begin our study of the memoir *Night*, by Elie Wiesel.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Students will learn how to find the slope from two points and from the graph. Then, we will work on graphing linear equations in slope intercept form

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We will continue our examination of the world of Ideas that fostered the revolutionary generation. We are conducting a research project into the time period. Groups are considering such topics as colonial lifestyle, Interactions with Native Americans, and the influence of Roman history on the founders.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

What's Happening?

⬇️ Week of November 7th - 10th, 2022⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Students are more than half way through *The Outsiders*. The consensus is "It is getting really good." We will continue to practice writing narratives from different points of view and analyzing important quotations from the text.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
Students will explore the formulas for adding and subtracting Integers. Rest of the week they will spend on practicing this new skill.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are considering what goes into the formation of culture by examining the different influences that worked to shape Classical China. This week we will finish looking at geography's impact and start an examination of the early dynasties of China.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
We will be wrapping up Moon Phases and showing our brilliance on an assessment, Thursday, November 10... study guides will be given out on Monday in class. Remember, if you want a copy of the key, you need to finish the study guide and turn it in on Google Classroom before 8p the night before the assessment. The turn in will have a blank copy (just in case of a loss) and will post on Monday.

Our Moon Phases of my life project is due Thursday, November 10. Poster paper is available from Miss M- grab it in class or at the end of the school day. Have a fantastic weekend!!

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
Classes did an excellent job with their first student-led discussion group. I was impressed with the speaking and listening skills demonstrated by everyone. We will continue work in our independent novels as well as some mini lessons on specific topics and themes relevant to the texts.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will start the new unit with solving for 'y'. Next, we will work on graphing linear equations using x/y tables.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We will continue our examination of the world of Ideas that fostered the revolutionary generation. We will be looking at the colonial experience and conducting a mini research project into the time period.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

Our dive into exploring the unknown using only indirect observations is proving to be very challenging for some... check-in with your human to see how they are faring/fared. Next up is using our prior knowledge to connect with new information about atoms and elements. Then we start putting things together to make molecules and chemical formulas. An early announcement- the second chemistry assessment will be Wednesday, November 16, study guide to drop soon. Have a fantastic weekend!!

What's Happening?

⬇️ Week of October 31 - November 4, 2022 ⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Seventh grade classes are reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. Students are doing very well keeping up with the reading and completing their writing about the text. It is a very engaging novel that most of them are enjoying. We will have a membean quiz next week. Please check X2 for any missing work that can be completed before the end of the term on Friday 11/4.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Last topic of this term is the Cross Section of 3D shapes. Students will explore the slicing of 3D figures online. Then we will spend a couple of days reviewing for The Common Assessment on Surface Area and Volume. Common assessment will be on Thursday/Friday

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

Our term 1 Essays are due on Tuesday! Otherwise, this week we will end our time studying India with an examination of the Gupta Dynasty and some of the amazing achievements of that Golden Age.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We will continue using the pattern of the Moon's phases to make predictions for future moon phases and practice identifying the phases of the moon looking at a picture and drawing pictures of each phase when given the label. We will create a model of the Earth (person)-Moon(popsicle stick & styrofoam ball) and Sun (lamp) to demonstrate the movement of the moon.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

Students have chosen their novel for our unit on different perspectives in literature. We will be meeting in small groups on Thursday to check in and have discussion about the first section of the text. In class on non-meeting days we will be reading articles and viewing TED Talks to analyze themes and use in our discussion of the books. We will have a membean quiz next week. Please check X2 for any missing work that can be completed before the end of the term on Friday 11/4.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

Our last Common Assessment will be on Thursday/Friday. Next week we spend time on reviewing all transformations, sequence of transformations, congruent and similar figures

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

Our term 1 essays are due on Tuesday! After we will start our examination of the world of Ideas that fostered the revolutionary generation. We will be reading from primary source documents to gain an understanding of what Thomas Jefferson would call the "American Mind."

Miss Morrell's Science Classes

We will wrap up elements, compounds and mixtures and begin working on Atoms, Elements and Molecules.

What's Happening?

⬇️ Week of October 24 - 28, 2022 ⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

My seventh grade classes are starting S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders.* This is often a favorite text among students. We will be focusing on learning about point of view and methods of characterization. Some themes that will run throughout the novel include: How do perceptions lead to stereotyping and the pressure to conform? and How do our life experiences shape who we come as individuals?

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
Students will explore the application of volume and surface area in the real world. It will be followed by the quiz. Later, we will start the cross section of 3D shapes.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are going to continue our look at various sources related to Emperor Ashoka. It will ask students to evaluate each source and organize information in order to answer an essay question about Ashoka's reign.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
Heading outside to measure shadows (there were NO shadows on day 6 so, were trying again)! We will begin using the pattern of the Moon's phases to make predictions for future moon phases and practice identifying the phases of the moon looking at a picture and drawing pictures of each phase when given the label.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
Students have completed their first comparative literary analysis paper. I have been very impressed with their dilligence in this challenging type of writing. Next week students will be selecting a novel to read for a literature unit incorporating the theme of Overcoming Adversity.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will be working on a sequence of transformations. Then, we will do congruent and similar figures.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
In class we will examine different ways people can practice their citizenship in America. This will culminate in an essay that argues what percentage of each type

of citizen (individually responsible, participatory, or activist) we would want if we were to build a 1000 person colony on the moon.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
Differentiating between elements, compounds and mixtures based on their chemical make-up, particle arrangement and other characteristics.

What's Happening the week of
⬇️ October 17 - 21, 2022 ⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
We are finishing studying short stories by writing an original mystery story. Students are working on developing characters, using descriptive language, and building suspense.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will find the area of composite shapes, followed by a quiz on the Surface Area of Prisms, Pyramids, Cylinder and Composite shapes. We will start a volume of Prisms and Pyramids later in the week.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are going to do our first common assessment this week. The assessment will look at various sources related to King Ashoka. It will ask students to evaluate each source and organize information in order to answer an essay question about Ashoka's reign.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
We will start the new unit on Moon Phases and take a trip outside to measure our shadows.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes

We are finishing our literary analysis of short stories. We will be starting our first independent novel next week. Students will have a choice of novels exploring the theme of celebrating different voices in literature.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will review all transformations(Translation, Reflection and Rotation) followed by the quiz. Then we start Congruent and Similar Figures.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We will continue to examine each branch of government. Students will present their personal research on specific branches to their peers.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
Purple and Green classes will have an assessment on Wednesday, October 19 and Blue will have theirs on Thursday, October 20. Study guides have been handed out. The turn in will have a blank copy (just in case of a loss) and will post later today. Remember, if you want a copy of the key, you need to finish the study guide and turn it in on Google Classroom before 8p the night before the assessment.

Following the assessment, we will continue to explore chemistry by comparing and contrasting Elements, Compounds and Molecules.

What's Happening the week of
⬇️ October 10-14, 2022 ⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
Mrs Murphy's ELA classes are finishing our study of short stories. We will be doing some creative writing and we will have a reading comprehension assessment by the end of the week. Students should review the short story elements such as conflict, theme, foreshadowing, and irony.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes

We will be working on the Surface Area of Prism, Pyramids and Cylinder. Students will explore it through real life examples and models.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We will be working towards explaining the first unification of India under the Mauryan Dynasty

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
Period 7 has an assessment on Wednesday and Period 4 will have theirs on Friday. Study guides have been handed out. The turn in will have a blank copy (just in case of a loss) and will post later today. Remember, if you want a copy of the key, you need to finish the study guide and turn it in on Google Classroom before 8p the night before the assessment. The assessment will cover day, night, rotation, revolution, the tilt of the Earth and seasons.

After the assessment, we will begin looking at shadows and exploring why our shadows are long and short..

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
This is a short week for eighth grade classes
We are writing a literary analysis essay comparing themes in Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery" and Kurt Vonnegut's "Harrison Bergeron".

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will have a Common Assessment this week. We will start Transformations next. We will cover translation, reflection and dilation this week.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We are working on applying our knowledge of the Constitution to analyze each branch of government and how they operate.

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
Due to issues around shipping, the Lab: Elephant Toothpaste was rescheduled for Wednesday, October 12. We will continue looking at phase change and then all classes are off to the ropes course on Friday. Study guides will be given out on Tuesday, October 11 and the assessment will be Tuesday, October 18. The

assessment will cover the two labs we will have completed, chemical and physical changes and properties and phase change.

What's Happening the week of
⬇️ October 3 - 7, 2022 ⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
We are continuing our study of short stories and reviewing good reading and writing strategies. Students will be reading and analyzing two texts. Their written responses will show their understanding of common themes in the texts and their ability to cite key pieces of evidence as support in their writing.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
Common Assessment on circles and composite shapes next week. We will do the review for a couple of days and at the end of the week we will move onto the next unit- Surface Area of Prisms.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes

We will be reading and seeing different takes on the origin story of Buddhism. By the end of the week students should be able to tell the story themselves and explain the central tenets of Buddhism

Miss Morrell's Science Classes
We will explore the tilt of the Earth and determine why we have seasons, how seasons differ in different parts of the world and the impact of the angle of the sun on temperature and shadows.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA Classes
Students have just read "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson. We are discussing key themes in the story as well as continuing our review of foreshadowing, irony, and building suspense. We will be reading more short works of dystopian fiction in the coming weeks. Students will be writing literary analysis using multiple texts.

Mrs. Singh's Math Classes
We will do Volume of sphere at the beginning of the week, followed by the quiz on Volume of Cylinder, Cone and Sphere. At the end of the week we will start the review for our first Common Assessment.

Mr. Clifford's Social Studies Classes
We will be assessing the big ideas that underpin the Constitution by evaluating the ideas of the founders themselves by reading primary sources from the era.

Miss Morrell's Science classes
Differentiating between chemical and physical properties and changes will keep us busy most of the week, but we will take some time to make elephant toothpaste.

What's Happening the week of
⬇️ September 26 - 30, 2022 ⬇️

7th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's grade seven ELA classes are starting a creative writing unit. We are working on applying what we have learned from reading short stories to help make our stories engaging. We will begin by writing from different perspectives to better understand characterization and point of view. We will have our first vocabulary quiz next Friday.

Mrs. Singh's grade 7 class will continue working on area and perimeter of composite shapes, followed by the quiz. After that we will start preparing for our first Common Assessment.

Miss Morrell's grade 7 Science class will begin working on Seasons. Assessments on Units of Time have been returned and grades will be updated in X2 this weekend.

Mr. Clifford's World History Class will explore the origin and central tenets of Buddhism. We will look to compare it to Hinduism and evaluate how Hindu culture impacted Buddhism.

8th Grade

Mrs. Murphy's ELA classes are starting ME Bag presentations so that we can practice our oral presentation skills as well as learn a little more about each other. Students are studying various genres of short stories focusing on foreshadowing, irony, and building suspense. We will have our first vocabulary quiz next Friday.

Mrs. Singh's classes will start with the volume of cylinder, cone and sphere. We will work on finding the volume using the formulas as well as application of these in real life. At the end of the week, they will have a quiz on this.

Miss Morrell's Science classes will begin working on pH & Exothermic and Endothermic Reactions. Assessments on Lab & Safety Tools and Procedures have been returned (purple will get theirs on Monday) and grades will be updated in X2 this weekend.

Mr. Clifford's Civics class will create brief political biographies of the Founders. By Looking at the political beliefs of the founders we will be introduced to the big ideas that lay behind the Constitution.

What's Happening the week of
⬇️ September 19 - 23, 2022 ⬇️

7th Grade

In Mrs Murphy's grade seven ELA classes we are continuing to study short stories and analyze how an author uses certain literary elements to create mood, develop characters and convey a theme. We are also beginning to complete our minutes for membean (online vocabulary program).

In Mr. Cliffords's 7th grade World History and Geography class we will be learning about the origins and central tenets of Hinduism. We will be using both the textbook and primary sources to develop our historical understanding of the topic.

In Mrs. Singh's 7th grade class, we will be working on identifying the shapes that make up the composite shapes and find the Perimeter and Area of composite shapes.

On Monday the 19th, Miss Morrell's seventh grade classes will be taking a quiz on units of time and building a model of the Earth, Moon, and Sun to demonstrate rotation and revolution.

8th Grade

In Mrs. Murphy's grade eight classes, students are finishing their reflections on our names and the importance of our names to our identity. We are starting our study of short stories. We will be reading a mix of classic and modern stories and analyzing the author's craft/ style to help us write our own creative stories later in the month. We are also beginning to complete our minutes for membean (online vocabulary program).

In Mr. Cliffords's 8th grade Civics class students will be reading from the Federalist papers to deepen their understanding of Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution. By engaging in sources directly from the founders students will get a first hand account of the thought process used to create our government.

In Mrs. Singh's 8th grade class, we will continue with equations with variables on both sides and then move on to rewriting equations and formulas.

In Miss Morrell's eighth grade classes there will be an assessment on lab safety on Tuesday. Later in the week students will complete a lab on evidence of chemical reactions.