



BLUE SPRUCE 8: Cougar Courier Classroom Information 2025-26

Week of May 26th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	This week is finishing up on novels and getting ready for our persuasive presentations.
Math- Ms. Jensen	We will be playing math games and having makeup work time.
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Happy end of school year. Students will be watching "Unbroken". Please see your parent emails for more information regarding this movie

Week of May 18th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Finishing strong with our novels, our wonderful studysync story Manuel and the Magic Fox, our paired persuasive presentations and, hopefully, our Graphic novel- fun times to be Blue!
Math- Ms. Jensen	In math 8 we will be finishing our projects and presenting them. In geometry we will be reviewing for final and taking a partner final.
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Continuing on with our Reconstruction chapter by discussing the Black Codes

Week of May 11th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Hi everyone, hope we are all staying warm this week! Lots of testing on the horizon- End of Unit Assessment in ELA, and gthe ongoing iREADY> Wer are having fun with some ongoing projects- our novels read and Save My Dog presentation- as well as our next great studysync text: Manuel and the Magic Fox
Math- Ms. Jensen	
Science- Mr. Bruss	We wrap up space and look at some of the basics of weather.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week students will begin learning about the Reconstruction period. We will be starting by investigating Lincoln's assassination

Week of May 4th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	This week we are looking at poetry, especially The Raven, in preparation for the End of Unit Assessment. We are looking at some other texts in thai regard too. We are continuing our novels and studysync, our speaking and listening task, as well as working through our iREADY test! Busy period.
Math- Ms. Jensen	This week in Math 8 we will be finishing up our last unit on Volume and Surface area. We will also be starting our final project. This week in geometry we will be wrapping up chapter 10 in order to take the unit test the following week.

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Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week, students will be taking their Civil War tests and starting our final chapter on Reconstruction

Week of April 27th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Hi there! We are post exam so we have returned to our work on Studysince. We have just read a lovely story about culture clashes and age-gaps. We are also working on a presentation to the class, persuading peers to 'Save My Dog'. We continue to read our novel.
Math- Ms. Jensen	This week in 8th grade math students will take a quiz on volume and start surface area. This week in geometry students will have a quiz and continue with our unit.
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week, students will be analyzing the Gettysburg Address and completing a Lincoln DBQ

Week of April 20th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	This week is CMAS, and we are so proud of the effort, application and attitude our little heroes are displaying! Other than this, we have done prep, our novel and continued our Studysync unit
Math- Ms. Jensen	This week we will be working on volume in 8th grade math. In geometry we will be starting our new unit of circles and conditional probability.
Science- Mr. Bruss	CMAS is done! Well done to all for the hard work. We begin to look at Space and Climate science for the last few weeks.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Next week students will be continuing our Civil War Unit by analyzing motivations for the North and South to fight as well as each side's strategies.

Week of April 13th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Hi, this week we are preparing specifically for our CMAS tests, reading our novels and working on the next text in our Studysync Unit
Math- Ms. Jensen	Hello, this week we will be taking the CMAS tests. Then Math 8 will be starting Volume and Surface Area. In Geometry we will be counting and finishing up Chapter 9.
Science- Mr. Bruss	This week we work between some CMAS testing. We will wrap up some Natural Selection and Artificial Selection conversations and look to begin weather and climate.

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Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Hi, this week we are preparing specifically for our CMAS tests, reading our novels and working on the next text in our Studysync Unit
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week, students are going to be starting their Civil War chapter by learning about causes of the conflict.

Week of April 6th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	This week we have completed our look at an Emily Dickinson poem, and are now examining a speech given by former First Lady, Michelle Obama. We are going to spend some time familiarising ourselves with CMAS with two lessons of dedicated prep work. We shall end the week with our novel.
Math- Ms. Jensen	Hello, We will be working on a CMAS Review during Class during the days I see them.
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week students will be diving into the chapter of sectionalism, analyzing how incidents like the Dred Scott decision and the Sumner Caning lead to the Civil War

Week of March 30th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Welcome back! We have completed work on our essay and have moved on to a new unit with a focus on poetry- starting with the great Emily Dickinson
Math- Ms. Jensen	This week Math 8 students will be learning about triangles and the Pythagorean theorem. Students will have a quiz on the content at the end of the week. Geometry students will be finishing up Chapter 9 solids and constructions this week. But I will not have a test until the following week.
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week students will be finishing up our discussion on Manifest Destiny and starting our Financial Literacy Unit

Week of March 23rd, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	This final week the students are working on multi-paragraph essays, closing out our studies. Advanced class is having fun preparing a Trial for their suspect in the Hound of the Baskervilles, while Gen Ed are continuing to have fun reading the novel, When You Reach Me.
Math- Ms. Jensen	Math 8 students will finish up Unit 7 and have the unit test after break. Geometry students will finish up chapter 8 with a test.
Science- Mr. Bruss	

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Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Welcome back from Spring Break! We are starting off the quarter by continuing to discuss Westward Expansion through the Oregon Trail and the discovery of gold.

Week of March 9th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Having finished our End of Unit Assessment, students are working hard on some key assignments. Gen Ed is creating a multi-paragraph essay about the power of words, looking at the speeches of Lincoln and Churchill. They are also reading a great new book - When You Reach Me. Advanced is planning a multi-paragraph essay on one of four themes they have been following throughout the reading of The Hound of the Baskervilles. Exciting times! Deadline for all late submitted work is Friday March 6th, at 3pm.
Math- Ms. Jensen	We will be taking a test in both classes to finish off Quarter 3. Geometry is finishing up the polygon and circle unit. Math 8 will finish transformations and angles unit.
Science- Mr. Bruss	We finish off quarter 3 with a test on Heredity and a presentation on genetic disorders.

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Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week, students will be continuing to learn about the Mexican American War from both the Mexican and American perspective.

Week of March 2nd, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	This week we have moved towards our Hound Trial in Advanced and shall begin We You Reach Me in gen Ed. Both classes have had analytical paragraphs on two Civil War texts to do, and we are discussing the Gettysburg Address.
Math- Ms. Jensen	
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week in social studies we are going to continue our conversation on Industrialization and Jackson

Week of February 23rd, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	This week we have been examining non-fiction and fiction texts about the US Civil War. We have examined an ambiguous hero, and weighed the pros and cons of two arguments. We are beginning our novel in Gen Ed and, having finished Hound, preparing for a Mock Trial.
Math- Ms. Jensen	This week in Geometry we will continue to learn about polygons and take a quiz. In math we will finish learning about each individual transformation in our Geometry unit. We will start combining the different transformations together.
Science- Mr. Bruss	This week we take a look at Complex Patterns of Heredity. We look at incomplete dominance and Sex-Linked traits (traits attached to the X/Y chromosome) We will also work on our genetic disorder project.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week students will be learning about the major events of President Jackson's presidency through a series of readings and graphic organizers

Week of February 17th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Vocabulary test first thing, then continuing to read and analyze our novels, and start annotating a text about the Civil War, tracking an argument
Math- Ms. Jensen	In Geometry we will start a new unit of circles and polygons. In math 8 we will be starting our unit on congruency and similarity.
Science- Mr. Bruss	

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Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Vocabulary test first thing, then continuing to read and analyze our novels, and start annotating a text about the Civil War, tracking an argument
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week students will be taking a test over Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe. We will then be discussing President Jackson. Last day for missing assignments for our current chapter is 2/17

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Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Advanced have just had a wonderful Murder Mystery in the library, trying to solve the Hound of the Baskervilles. We are continuing to read the text and also studysync argument. Gen ed start a new novel on Friday!
Math- Ms. Jensen	Geometry will be finishing up their proofs of quadrilateral unit. They will have a team and individual test. Math 8 will be working on solving systems of equations through graphing, substitution, and elimination. They will have a quiz on elimination.
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week students will be finishing up our chapter on Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe and taking our chapter test

Week of February 2nd, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week

Week of January 26th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Hi, students are working on reading, analyzing and creating a graphic novel in studysync. Both classes are continuing/reading their novel.
Math- Ms. Jensen	Hello, students in geometry will be starting their Quadrilaterals unit. Math 8 is going to be learning solving systems of linear equations by substitution. Math 8 will also be having a small quiz at the end of the week.
Science- Mr. Bruss	We will start learning Punnet Squares as well as do a DNA Lab and continue on a Genetic Disorder Project. **We will need Yellow gatorade for the lab if anyone can donate a bottle or two.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week, students will have a test on the 25th and 26th on Washington and Adams. We will then be starting to talk about Jefferson's Presidency.

Week of January 19th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week

Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	We are finishing our CERs, and continuing to write rigorous analytical criticism. We have started Q3 Unit 4 on Studysync. Vocabulary test this week!
Math- Ms. Jensen	
Science- Mr. Bruss	We will be looking at DNA and Mutations. We will begin our project on Genetic Disorders.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	We will be wrapping up our chapter on Washington and Adams by talking about the XYZ Affair and the election of 1796. We will be taking our chapter test as well.

Week of January 12th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Hi everyone, welcome back! We are starting our unit on Argumentative writing. So far we have discussed the merits of cats over dogs (and vice versa) and discussed how a Literary Critic argues a theoretical reading (Advanced) and how a simple ball throw exercise can show some light that argues that society is not as straight-forward as one might think.
Math- Ms. Jensen	Hi and welcome back! In Geometry we will be starting our unit on Congruent Triangles and have a quiz on Tuesday. In Math 8 we will be counting our data unit and finish it up on Tuesday with a small quiz. Then we will be starting our unit on systems of equations.
Science- Mr. Bruss	Welcome back. We begin Q3 with a new topic - Genetic. This is our biology unit for the year. We began with some vocabulary and a quick and simplified look at DNA Synthesis.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Hello Everyone! We will continue to analyze the Washington and Jefferson presidencies.

Week of January 5th, 2026	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	
Math- Ms. Jensen	Welcome Back! In math 8th we will be starting Topic 5 which is solving systems of equations. In Geometry we will be starting our chapter on Congruent Triangle.
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Welcome back! This week students will be talking about the George Washington and Thomas Jefferson presidencies

Week of December 15th, 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	As we head through a hectic and fun-filled week of adventures and assemblies, language eArts are finishing off our look at informational texts. We shall examine two more poems, then consider the Narrative of Frederick Douglass. We shall look at our extended writing piece and prepare for the End of Unit Assignment. Homework shall be the completion of our own Narrative story, but this shall be due after the break. Please encourage students to hit our grading submission deadline of Friday, December 12th at 3pm, thanks! Happy Holidays!.
Math- Ms. Jensen	This week Geometry will be reviewing the last 5 topics that we have finished this semester and will be taking a cumulative Final. In Math 8, we will be learning about scatter plots and taking a 15 question cumulative test.
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Hello everyone, This week students will be wrapping up our Constitution chapter and the quarter. Hope you all

	have a lovely and restful holiday season and see you in the New Year.
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Week of December 8th, 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Welcome back everybody! This week we have been finishing a compare and contrast paragraph between two informational texts, reading and analyzing poetry and will be preparing to look at the life and times and work of Frederick Douglass.
Math- Ms. Jensen	This week Math 8 Will be finishing up Topic 3: Functions. They will take their topic test on Wednesday 12/10. This week Geometry will be finishing up their Trigonometry Unit. They will have a team Test on Wednesday 12/10 and an Individual Test on Friday 12/12, They will also be receiving a study guide for their Semester 1 Final that will take place on 12/16 and 12/17.
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week students will be taking their Constitution Test on 12/8 and 12/9. This test covers a lot of information, and the study guide is posted to Google Classroom. Students will then begin learning about the Washington and Jefferson presidencies

Week of December 1st, 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Finishing strongly with non-fiction about the Titanic and the Challenger Space Shuttle disasters. Some Harlem Renaissance poetry to follow and then we are into the holiday- have a lovely Thanksgiving!
Math- Ms. Jensen	

Science- Mr. Bruss	We return from break and will start a short Earth, Moon and Sun unit. Moon Phases and Eclipses, Tides, Seasons
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Welcome back from break! This week students will be continuing to learn about the Constitution by taking a deep dive into the different Articles and learning about the Amendments.

Week of November 17th, 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	This week we are finishing our research for homework, CERCERC paragraph was due Monday November 10. This week, we shall be doing non-fiction informational text.
Math- Ms. Jensen	
Science- Mr. Bruss	This week we wrap up Physics with a Unit test. We have had a study guide for a week and a half and will be reviewing in class together.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week students will be working on the Sertoma Freedom Essay and discuss the three branches of government and their various powers

Week of November 10th, 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Hey there. This week the students are examining the fate of the Isle de Jean Charles in Louisiana. We have read a long non-fiction text on the subject and answered questions. We have also written analysis, and begun research into the current situation of the people who live there.

Math- Ms. Jensen	This week students in Geometry will be starting their Probability unit. They are also able to work on Test corrections. This week in math 8 we will review Topic 2 and take are Topic 2 test.
Science- Mr. Bruss	This week we finish up a lab and work to present one station to the class. We will also get a study guide for our physics unit test.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week students will be talking about Shays' Rebellion and the Four Compromises that led to the creation of the Constitution

Week of November 3rd, 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Students have finished Part One of their Narrative Writing and will submit this Thursday, October 30th. We have moved on to our nonfiction unit. Ask your people about the Isle de St. Charles and its fight with the waves!
Math- Ms. Jensen	Geometry students will be finishing up Chapter 3 and taking their unit test this week. Math 8 will be working on graphing linear equations. They will be finding the slope and y-intercepts as well.
Science- Mr. Bruss	We discuss sound. Look to do an energy lab to wrap up the physics unit.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Students will be beginning our Constitution Unit by evaluating different forms of government and the Articles of Confederation

Week of October 27th, 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Hi everyone, welcome back! This week, we shall start on our new Studysync unit which is primarily informational texts and the focus is risk-taking. We are also continuing our novel studies and writing the

	narrative prompt - a three-part story.
Math- Ms. Jensen	
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Welcome back everyone! We will be continuing our analysis the Revolutionary War chapter by discussing the Battle of Yorktown and the Winter at Valley Forge.

Week of October 20th, 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Finishing the quarter nicely. The chaps and chappettes are busy with their transposition task for the novel MONSTER. Then: End of Unit, Vocabulary Test, and a couple of days reading our beautiful books together! Have a wonderful break.
Math- Ms. Jensen	Geometry will be starting the Justification and similarity unit. Math 8 will be continuing the equations unit.
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Welcome back from break! This week we are going to be starting our Revolutionary War chapter. We will analyze sources to determine “who fired first” at the Battle of Lexington and Concord. We will also investigate the abhorrent conditions that colonists endured at Valley Forge.

Week of October 6th, 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week

Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	We are finishing off our quarter with a creative narrative prompt on Studysync, so that should be a lot of fun. They have just completed their studies of the extract from the novel Monster, and have a look at an extract from the Conjure-man Dies coming ip. Deadline for late/missing assignments is Tuesday October 7th, at 2 45 pm.
Math- Ms. Jensen	This week in Geometry we will be continuing with Angle and Measurement. We will also be having the end of Topic 2 Test. This week we will be continuing to do linear equations and how to solve them. We will be having a quiz as well.
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	. This week we will be starting our Revolutionary War Chapter. We will be learning new chapter vocab and discussing major battles.

Week of September 29th , 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	We have started the week well with a read through and examination of Shirley Jackson's creepy classic story, The Lottery. We are discussing Vicabulary, Plot Elements and Theme so maybe fire some questions about these? Next up is an extract from the novel, Monster.
Math- Ms. Jensen	We will be continuing angles in Geometry. We will be starting to find areas of trapezoid and parallelograms. In math 8, we will be starting topic two of linear equations. We will also be working on test corrections.
Science- Mr. Bruss	We practice Cornell Notes and discuss the importance of effective note taking. We then read about waves and energy moving through systems. We will also work on a slinky lab.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week, students will continue to learn about the Causes of the American Revolution. Topics we will cover include Thomas Pain's "Common Sense", Sir Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death", and The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere.

Week of September 22nd , 2025

Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	The students have read the great Poe short story, The Tell-Tale Heart and worked through plot, theme, and unreliable narrator ideas. They have work to do in studysync before moving to our next text, The Conjure-man Dies. Gen Ed is about to begin reading the novel MONSTER, whilst, preparing for THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES, the advanced classes are examining The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes- ask them about The Red-Headed League!
Math- Ms. Jensen	
Science- Mr. Bruss	
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week students will continue to fill out events leading up to the American Revolution, such as the Boston Tea Party, The Sons of Liberty, and Patriots/Loyalists/Neutral colonists

Week of September 15th , 2025

Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Lovely week studying Monkey's Paw on Studysync! We shall finish with an examination of the plot before moving on with our next text: the Tell-Tale Heart!
Math- Ms. Jensen	In Geometry we will be starting our new unit of Angles and Measurement. In Math 8 we will be finishing up our unit. We will have a quiz on Monday. The Unit test will be September 25th.
Science- Mr. Bruss	This week we wrap up our project on Law of Conservation of energy and begin to look at waves.

Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	
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Week of September 8th , 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Well, what a fun start it has been! I am enjoying your young people so much in Language Arts this year, and they are to be congratulated on their humour, dedication and willingness to stretch themselves! We have completed our warm-up activities (Hieroglyphics paragraph)/Vampire Poem (Creative Writing) and an analytical paragraph response. We have started our Studysync work with a close examination of an informational text all about the most unfortunate Phineas Gage, and have now moved on to the astonishing story, The Monkey's Paw by W.W. Jacobs. With the Baseline Assessment and iREADY also under our belt it has been a jam-packed start, and highly enjoyable! Please ask your students about their favourite part of it!
Math- Ms. Jensen	In Math 8 we will be reviewing our quiz from Friday. Then we will be starting exponent rules. In Geometry we will be reviewing Unit 1 and taking the team and individual test.
Science- Mr. Bruss	We will be studying the Law of Conservation of Energy and Energy transformation. Students will investigate how we create electricity and how we might charge a phone with alternative sources.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This week, we will be creating a picture book explaining what happened to the Lost Colony of Roanoke based on historical sources. We will then be finishing up our 13 colonies chapter discussing the Middle Passage and taking our chapter test.

Week of September 2nd , 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week

Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	This week we start studysync. We shall do the usual pattern for each text- First Read/Skills/ Close Read. Interesting informational text to begin with- ask your little people about Mr. Phineas Gage!
Math- Ms. Jensen	This week we are continuing to learn about Real Numbers in 8th grade math. There will be a mid-topic quiz this week for students. In Geometry, we will be learning the last of the transformations and starting to review for the first test.
Science- Mr. Bruss	Students will be look at a system of Energy Transformations and a Digital Roller Coaster Lab.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	This upcoming week, students will be investigating what occurred to the lost colony of Roanoke. They will be making their own assertions by creating a picture book on the topic. Students will begin talking about the Middle Passage.

Week of August 25th , 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Hi there! Having completed our analytical response to ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics, we have undertaken our Baseline Assessment paragraph. Now, having had some prep lessons, we are almost ready to start Studysync. In order to engage creativity and enthusiasm, we are having a short run of exciting lessons in which the classes will work collaboratively to create a poem, which shall be entered into a competition with the other classes. Treats for the winning team!
Math- Ms. Jensen	In Math 8 we will be learning about real numbers and taking a mini Quiz on Friday. In Geometry we will be studying transformations and shapes.
Science- Mr. Bruss	We begin our study of Energy. We start with Kinetic and Potential
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	In social studies this upcoming week, we will be learning about the history of the Pledge of Allegiance. Then we will be starting our chapter on the 13 colonies. Students will have a map quiz, and learn

	about how each of the colonies' regions differed in their identities.
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Week of August 18th , 2025	
Class- Teacher	Information for this week
Language Arts- Mr. Kelly	Hello and welcome aboard. Blue Spruce is happy to make your acquaintance! In ELA we are excited to start the year with some fun, creative material before we dive into our given Curriculum in Studysync. It is going to be an adventure we undertake together, and I am feeling blessed to be part of it. I love Blue Spruce- welcome to our learning community and family!
Math- Ms. Jensen	Welcome to Blue Spruce! So happy to be a part of the Cresthill community! Both Geometry and Math 8 will have a readiness test on Tuesday. We will be starting Topic 1: Real Numbers on Wednesday in Math 8. In Geometry we will be starting transformations on Wednesday.
Science- Mr. Bruss	This week we dive into the language of science. We look at how our understanding of root words, prefixes, and suffixes can help us understand new words.
Social Studies- Ms. Rabinovich	Welcome to team Blue Spruce! I am so excited to be your student's social studies teacher this year. We have so many exciting things on the horizon. This week we will dive right into primary and secondary sources. Students will have a quiz on the 22nd on this topic.

