

# Bill Reed Middle School

October 2015

## Math

by: Mr. Anderson & Mr. Lund

The 7th grade math classes are currently working in the world of integers. The primary focus of our integer work is helping the students be able to fluently use all operations when working with signed numbers. This will help the students ability to work with expressions, equations, and inequalities, which will be our next main area of focus when we have built confidence in the realm of integers.



Mr. Lund & Mr. Anderson's math class working on finding unit rates and speeds of cars.



7th Graders enjoying Harvest Farms

## Upcoming Events

We will be celebrating our November birthdays by having a pizza party near the end of the month!

## Language Arts

by: Mrs. May & Mrs. Newlin

For the next two months, Language Arts will focus on:

- 1) continuing to analyze the novel The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
- 2) applying their knowledge of elements of literature to the novel and a variety of other texts (plot, character, setting, conflict, point of view, and theme)
- 3) writing informational paragraphs using textual evidence to support their analysis of the text
- 4) building reading and research skills to produce a 4-paragraph literary analysis by the end of 1st semester



Mr. Davies' class capturing learning at the end of the week.

## Social Studies

by: Mr. Davies & Ms Ortega

In social studies this quarter, students will continue to grow as social scientists. They will become economists, thinking about supply, demand, and price. They will use these skills to dominate a trade simulation. Next, students will start thinking like political scientists. Examining different types of government will give students insight into the costs and benefits of different political systems.

## Science

by: Mrs. Mock & Mr. Schubert

Students will be starting a Genetics Unit in both Mock and Schubert's science classes.

We will be investigating DNA Chromosomes and the basic foundations of Heredity.

Students will investigate Mitosis, Cell Division, Dominant and Recessive traits. They will be able to complete a Punnett Square and learn about Mendel's experiments. Students will complete an investigation into current genetic topics.

