



# Rocket News

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## Seventh Grade Classroom Newsletter



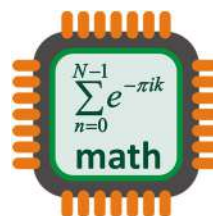
### Language Arts News

Mrs. Bickley's and Mrs. Stevens' seventh grade Language Arts classes have been busy this first quarter of the new school year! Once the students were confident that they understood the new classroom rules and procedures, they got right down to work learning about how to read informational text. The students learned about the different text structures. They have also started learning about the different elements of fiction and have begun simple writing tasks.

During the second quarter, we will begin reading novels concerning World War II and the Holocaust. Within these novels, we will be discussing the following: summarizing, characterization, predictions, the impact of the setting, questioning, and mood. Since reading has been proven to expand vocabulary and increase comprehension, we encourage students to read as much as possible.

Students will also be working on writing five paragraph essays with a thesis statement. A

thesis is the most important part of their essay.



### Math News

Mr. Watson and Mr. Justice are pleased with the hard work the students have demonstrated in the first quarter of the year. This quarter, students have learned about integer operations, rational numbers, and simplifying algebraic expressions. Students will soon begin units on solving equations and inequalities.

In both classrooms, students typically have homework Monday through Thursday--unless it is a test day. Be sure to encourage your student to complete all homework because it has a vital impact on your student's learning and Math grades.

Following are effective ways to improve a student's Math grade and ensure success:

- Ask Questions
- Participate in class

- Complete all homework
- **STUDY** for all tests and quizzes
- Take notes in Math class (examples of problems)



## Social Studies News

The first quarter has been great in Seventh Grade Social Studies. I have enjoyed watching this group of students progress this year. We have been learning about the culture of ancient Greece. The students are currently continuing a study of ancient Greece and how it has influenced our way of life today. This includes government, law, engineering, technology, art, architecture, literature, and history. For Greek law, we conducted a mock trial and the students really enjoyed this day! The best way to be successful in Social Studies class this year is to study the materials that are given in class. They will have everything in Google Classroom that can help them prepare for tests and quizzes. We try to handle everything in class, so homework is rare for Social Studies this year. However, the students can always be studying something they have received in class.

Looking forward to the rest of the school year!

- Mr. Evans



## Science News

As this quarter comes to a close, I am proud of the students' effort and enthusiasm. This quarter we have studied such topics as Scientific Inquiry, different forms of energy, tools for measurement, and safety procedures during labs in the Science classroom. Students had the opportunity to work on various investigations and projects. We completed multiple labs throughout these past nine weeks.

During the 2nd quarter, we will continue with labs, vocabulary words, quizzes and classwork. In this next quarter, we will focus on elements in the periodic table, gravity, waves, wind, and the earth's atmosphere.

If your student is looking to improve his/her Science grade and become successful in his/her education, the most important factor is coming to school. Understanding that students may need to miss school occasionally,



we appreciate your support in ensuring that students stay on top of missing assignments.

-Miss Wright

## **Upcoming Events!**

### **Thanksgiving Break:**

Wednesday, November 27 - Monday,  
December 2, 2024

### **Interims Distributed:**

Friday, November 15

### **Christmas Break:**

Friday, December 20- Tuesday, January 6