

# 8th grade Newsletter

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## Language Arts News



8th grade students at WMS have been studying many literary elements such as setting, mood, tone, style, and author's purpose. A variety of suspenseful short stories have been used in both Mrs. Seymour's and Mrs. Kilgour's classes during this first quarter. Pictured are a few of Mrs. Kilgour's students working in small groups to summarize a short story as part of a "first read" activity before analyzing its literary elements in a plot diagram. To mirror the setting of the story, students were working in front of a digital fireplace similar to one frequented in the story by the characters.



## Math News

The 8th graders from both Ms. Singers and Mr. Justice's math classes have been working hard and practicing their math skills with IXL. In the first quarter they completed a combined 90,000 questions and have improved their problem solving skills. We can't wait to see if they can break that question total amount for the 2nd quarter!

*IXL Winners!*



## Social Studies News

Social studies began the first nine weeks with an exciting field trip to a performance of the outdoor drama *Tecumseh!* Several eighth graders attended the show thanks to the Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center. In class, the eighth graders have learned about the European exploration and settlement of North America. Students have discovered how geography, political situations, and social movements led to the founding of each colony. Using their knowledge of the colonies, the students will begin their look into the causes and events of the American move to independence in the next nine weeks.



## Science News

We have had such an exciting 1st 9 weeks at Wellston Middle School. Our Science class has been focusing on understanding the scientific method through experimentation. Our first lab covered the concept of osmosis through gummy bear saturation. We recently created our own density tubes while discussing Earth's internal make up. Students have completed multiple labs where we learned how to work through the scientific process, collaboration, data analysis as well as understanding that it is ok to be wrong about a hypothesis. Starting over is always an option.

This year, our 8th grade students will have a state OST in Science! We are consistently working on our testing skills to better support our students.



## Upcoming Events!

### Thanksgiving Break:

Wednesday, November 27 - Monday, December 2, 2024

### Interims Distributed:

Friday, November 15

**Christmas Break:**

Friday, December 20- Tuesday, January 6