



JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

April 2024

- The 8th graders exhibit Christian service through sound booth, kindergarten helpers, acolytes, and recycling bins.
- Information about Academic Fair projects have been shared with parents/students. Students will have aspects to complete at home by deadlines each quarter to prepare for the fair in the spring.
- Students are in the final push for studying on Academic Super Bowl teams. ILS Spring Sports - Girls Tennis and Co-Ed Golf are in full swing (pun fully intended).



6th Grade



Literature:

We will continue to develop and refine reading and comprehension skills. We'll learn more about and practice the skills of synthesizing and analyzing author choices and continue to review and practice making inferences, summarizing literature, and summarizing information. We're currently practicing these skills with the novel Holes. We'll also continue to use a variety of other texts including short stories, pictures, videos, short stories and AR novels as we practice our reading comprehension skills. Students should be reading toward fourth-quarter AR goals!

English:

Persuasive/Argumentative are in their final draft stages. Sixth graders will focus on patterns four and five in Shurley grammar, and the seventh graders will be introduced to patterns six and seven. Both classes are reviewing pronouns and verb forms. Our final writing unit will be research-driven with options for presentation.



Science:

We are wrapping up our unit on Dynamic Ecosystems as we talk about topics we encountered at the start of the school year at our visit to Camp Lakeview. We will head into Biodiversity and then into a unit on Physics.

Health:

Starting our unit on substance abuse. We'll discuss topics related to Tobacco/Vaping, Alcohol, Legal & Illegal Drugs.

Math:

We are completing our textbooks this month to ensure we are ready for ILEARN. Our last unit is all about Geometry: area, volume, and surface, area of rectangular and triangular prisms.

Social Studies:

The classes are learning about Central American history including the Mayan, Aztec, and Incan civilizations, their lifestyles, and their contributions to the world.



7th Grade



Literature:

We will continue to develop and refine reading and comprehension skills. We'll learn more about and practice the skills of synthesizing and analyzing author choices and continue to review and practice making inferences, summarizing literature, and summarizing information. We're currently practicing these skills with a science fiction novel unit this month. We'll also continue to use a variety of texts including pictures, videos, short stories and novels as we practice our reading comprehension skills. Students should be reading toward fourth-quarter goals.

Social Studies:

Students are learning about South Asian geography, culture, history, and religions.

Science:

We are in the midst of our unit on how Earth's surface is changed by weathering, erosion and deposition. The rock cycle is being discussed and we are using rocks samples from Mrs. Haugen's collection for visual aides.

Math:

We are completing our textbooks this month to ensure we are ready for ILEARN. Our last unit is all about Geometry: angle relationships, circumference and area of a circle, and surface area and volume of cylinders and right rectangular pyramids.

English:

Persuasive/Argumentative are in their final draft stages. Sixth graders will focus on patterns four and five in Shurley grammar, and the seventh graders will be introduced to patterns six and seven. Both classes are reviewing pronouns and verb forms. Our final writing unit will be research-driven with options for presentation.

Spring

8th Grade



Literature:

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Eighth graders are readers
And awesome poets, too!

Can you guess what we are currently studying? Our final unit will focus on reviewing literary concepts and choosing a book with a focus on the Civil War or the Holocaust (two areas that will be explored on their eighth grade trip).

English:

Grammar: We will review mechanics, usage, and grammar skills with Shurley English (patterns 1-7), daily corrections of sentences, and the online mechanics and usage Quill program.

Vocabulary: We'll continue to improve vocabulary usage with the Words to Enrich Writing unit, making an effort to become familiar with the words so that we can use them in our writing. This month we'll continue the Etiquette essential vocabulary words. Vocabulary activities are in Writer's Notebooks and on Quizlet.

Writing: Our writing focus for this month will be expository writing. We are reviewing the research process and applying it to a Washington, D.C. topic.

Science:

We wrapped up our unit in Chemistry! We have moved on to reproduction of organisms starting with topics on heredity and genetics including traits, alleles, and Punnett squares.

Health:

We are finishing up the chapter on tobacco and vaping. We'll move into Alcohol and substance abuse next.

History:

Students are wrapping up the Civics/US Government section and will be conducting a mock court case. Afterwards we will be studying the lives of the early US Presidents.

Pre-Algebra:

We are completing our textbooks this month to ensure we are ready for ILEARN. Our last unit is all about Geometry: volume of cones, spheres, and pyramids, and surface area of spheres.

Algebra:

We have paused our Algebra to learn some 8th Grade Geometry standards before ILEARN: volume of cones, spheres, and pyramids, and surface area of spheres. After ILEARN, we will continue in our Algebra textbook.