



7-1 TEAM NEWS

English Language Arts

During the month of December, students will continue their study of nonfiction research and argument writing skills. Our nonfiction research skills include analysis of main idea/central idea, text features, accuracy, bias, and author's viewpoint. Students will finish up the revision and editing stages on their personal choice argument essay.

In January, we will begin our unit on historical fiction. During this unit students will be reading historical fiction novels in book clubs. We will learn the elements of historical fiction and work together in these groups to identify and interpret these elements. Students will continue their nonfiction reading skills when researching the time period in which the book is set.

Math

2nd trimester is already starting to fly by! I challenge students to make a school related New Year's resolution! A great goal idea would be striving to show accountability with completed homework and/or having a positive attitude throughout the school day. Students could also work on perseverance by taking action and following through by getting help when they are struggling with a concept/skill. This might look like asking questions in class, attending help sessions or working with a friend to study.

****REMINDER:** Retakes are available on all Math 7 and Math 7/8 Assessments. Students must speak with Ms. McGrath and set up a time to review material and complete the retake assessment. Homework and helpful resources are always available on Schoology.

Social Studies

During the month of December, our young historians will continue to learn about the great contributions to history, art, science, literature, and architecture made by the early people of India and China. Our student travelers will be learning about the geography of these Asian regions and determining how that geography helped these civilizations to flourish. In addition, we will continue to learn the basic beliefs of the major world religions, Buddhism and Hinduism, and how these belief systems helped shape these river valley civilizations.

Science

The students are looking forward to their upcoming research into the topic of astronomy. Students will work in pairs to design a presentation that explains their understanding as to why the earth has seasons. They will also investigate the different phases of the moon over a 30 day period. Closer to the end of this unit the students will reshape their understanding relative to the size and scale of objects within our universe. The concluding activity for this unit will be a trip to the Challenger Learning Center for a day of fun on a space station simulator. Please ask your child about some of these activities in science.