



7-3 TEAM NEWS

English Language Arts

Students are currently working on poetry through eLearning. Each week in May, students will learn about poetry techniques and then write their own imitation poems. There is also a corresponding reading assignment that students will complete. Both the poetry and the reading assignment will be housed in the same document posted on Google Classroom. We hope students continue to read what they love, whether that is novels, articles, magazines, etc...Students are able to access e-books through our school library (SORA) and many books have just been added! It is really hard not to get to spend the end of the year in the classroom with your kids; we hope they are doing well and staying healthy!

Math

Math students have persevered through a most unusual ending to their school year. I am very proud of the time spent, effort given, and results achieved by the participants. May wraps up with a unit on Probability (what are the chances that...). Students may also take the opportunity to tie up any loose ends by REtaking any term-6/semester-2 assessments to show increased levels of understanding on prior concepts.

Parents/guardians, thank you so very much for your ongoing support this year, both before and during eLearning. You are appreciated! Please pass along to your young teen: It is my hope that students will continue to keep in touch with me over the summer and will stop by my room next year to say "hello" in person... I care about math progress, but care most about their health and well-being!

Encourage math knowledge retention for a smooth beginning of eighth grade.

- **Set a Summer Math Goal:** print out the year-long summary of math assignments from Infinite Campus. This summer, set a goal to review any assessed topic or learning target for which a score was below proficient (under 85%) or needed to be retaken due to a low original score.
- DreamBox Learning software is available for middle school levels now and the current free subscription provided by the district remains available for use until June 30th. Email classroom teacher for login information (username/password).
- Did you know that the typical child, regardless of socioeconomic status, loses approximately 2.6 months of grade-level equivalency in math skills over the summer months each year?* A fun way to keep math skills sharp over the summer is by joining the [*Summer Math Challenge](#), a [FREE math-skills program](#) designed for students who have just completed first through eighth grade. The Summer Math Challenge can help your child **retain math skills learned during the school year** and keep them on the path towards college and careers. For six weeks in the summer, parents receive daily emails with fun activities and links to educational resources. When the program ends, parents can print an award certificate to celebrate their child's summer math accomplishment!

Social Studies

As the school year winds down, our seventh grade Social Studies students are finishing their whirlwind tour of global history in the ancient empires of West Africa, their impact on salt/gold trade monopolies,

and important people of that time period. Our students began the year learning about world history in Mesopotamia, the Cradle of Civilization. We have traveled to visit the ancient Egyptians, the Greeks and the Romans. We have learned about the five major world religions and their impacts on civilizations of the world. We have also learned about Europe in the Middle Ages where our students discovered how the Crusades affected Europe and the Middle East, how the feudal system governed the continent, and how the rediscovery of science, art, and literature would lead the world into a new age, the Renaissance.

Science

We finished our unit on Sound and Light. Students have studied the anatomy of a wave as well as learning some wave basics like how they interact with each other. They also looked closely at the principles of sound and light. Students explore the physics of sound, how the ear hears and how musical instruments work through interactive demonstrations and student activities. This year flew by fast! Have a great summer and good luck next year, eighth graders.