



8-3 TEAM NEWS

English Language Arts

In May, our scholars will continue to strengthen their research skills and literary analysis prowess. Students will use the knowledge they gained from previous units in order to develop strong outlines for non-fiction synthesis papers, which will give them foundational skills for future research. They will continue to analyze an author's purpose, tone, point of view and bias so that they are able to determine the reliability of media sources as they move through our digital content-driven world. Regarding evidence, students will strengthen their skills with organizing, synthesizing and citing multiple sources. Beyond presenting evidence, Trailblazers will continue to develop their abilities with critically analyzing textual evidence in order to build compelling and focused arguments. As we engage with this exciting unit of study, students are encouraged to stay on track with their independent reading goals.

Math Algebra

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Math 8

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Social Studies

During the final month of school our Young Historians will be exploring the causes of the American Civil War and learning about the war itself from the first shots at Fort Sumter to the surrender at Appomattox. Through eLearning, we are continuing to build our Social Studies skills of document analysis, understanding perspective, and reading and writing like a historian. By the end of the school year our Young Historians will have explored our nation's history from its 1607 colonial roots in Jamestown through the end of the Civil War in 1865.

Science

As the year winds down (how did that happen so fast!?), we are learning about climate and the factors that cause different regions to have different climates. Once we have a good understanding of what creates certain climates, we can explore how the climate of Earth has changed and is changing. We will examine the evidence that there have been changes in the planet's climate and explore the reasons for those changes.