



MOSAICS

Sixth Grade: The students are finishing their Design Thinking Projects (aka Stuff-N-Things.) They have used their creativity to build some very cool inventions. After they present their projects, they will have some time to work on their architect research projects. Presentations begin right after Winter Break. In January, we will begin designing houses and eventually the students will make a 3D model of their design to scale.

Seventh Grade: The “I Know It, You Will Too” presentations have just begun. Students are sharing some fascinating information about a variety of topics. I learn something new every day. Once they finish presenting, they will create a Stop Motion video about their topic. This will be a two minute public service announcement/propaganda/persuasive video. I am looking forward to their productions.

Eighth Grade: We are working on the 5 Pieces Unit where students will investigate a historical theme of their choice, find five "pieces" (documents, photos, maps...) and finally present those "pieces" to the class. Then, they will build an automata (simple machine) based on their theme. An automata is a type of mechanical structure made of simple materials that lets you bring stories to life. Students will learn about cams, levers and linkages.