

Middle School Teachers

7th Grade English/Language Arts

Wow! What a great month of learning it has been in our class! We have dived right into Unit 1: Conflicts & Clashes by reading a variety of fiction stories. We have analyzed plot and character development throughout each text. We continued to practice using textual evidence to support our predictions and inferences. Next month we will be completing our first essay!

7th Grade Math

7th grade math has started the year by learning all about proportional relationships. Proportional relationships include finding equivalent ratios, drawing a scaled copy of a shape, and finding the constant of proportionality. I look forward to starting our Unit 1 project where students take a recipe and learn how to double it proportionally.

8th Grade English/Language Arts

Together we have completed our first read of Edgar Allan Poe's *Tell-Tale Heart*. We have been learning about the power of inference and how readers can engage with the text by adding meaning to it. We have also been working on gathering textual evidence that supports our inferences!

8th Grade Math

8th grade has been learning about transformation of shapes on the coordinate plane. This includes translations, reflections, and rotations. We found coordinates of the images and learned about their properties. This concept is important in making video games and animated movies!

Office News

Morning Arrival:
Doors open at 7:55

Attendance Lines: 602-347-2911

Student ID's are REQUIRED:
Replacements \$2.00

Student Shout-Outs

Student of the Month: "Be Safe"

Homeroom:

Mrs. Leslie: **William W.**

Ms. Denton: **Arianna V.**

Mrs. Carlson: **Ezequiel C. & Danay E.**

Ms. Grammer: **Uka & Tyler B.**

Mrs. Klink: **Julian M.**

Mr. Sundberg: **Alexis T.**

Grade Level Reminders

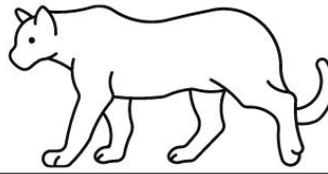
Please help us by reminding your students that Orangewood is a gum-free campus. We all want to work together to keep it beautiful!

Please remind your student of the Orangewood cell phone policy.

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7th & 8th Grade Social Studies

Over this past month, both 7th & 8th grade has worked on the different types of governments and economies seen around the world. As we step into September, 7th is starting the Enlightenment/Scientific Revolution & 8th is starting the American Revolution!

7th & 8th Grade Science

7th grade is studying geology: weathering, erosion, and the rock cycle. In September we will focus on plate tectonics.

8th grade is studying atomic theory. Soon we will begin doing hands on experiences to look for evidence of chemical change.

7th & 8th Grade WIN/Reading

In WIN, we didn't waste any time diving into our first novel, *The Pearl*, by American author John Steinbeck. Both 7th and 8th grade used this novel as a jumping off point for their intervention and enrichment journey. As such, we practiced applying the 6 Effective Reading Strategies that we will employ all year: Clarify, Question, Predict, Connect, Evaluate, and Visualize.

7th & 8th Grade WIN/Reading - P.M.

During WIN we have been working on the novel, *The Pearl*, by John Steinbeck. While reading this novel we worked on the 6 Reading Strategies. Coming soon will be a new novel, using those same strategies but also working on vocabulary, and looking at how the dialogue effects the story.

Upcoming:

- 9/4 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 9/6 - Progress Reports
- 9/8- Student Council officers and representatives will be announced
- 9/15 - Cheer roster posted
- 9/18 - ASA classes begin

Services

Gifted: Mrs. Farni

This month we focused on the habits of a scholar and how we choose to implement them in our daily lives.

Resource: Ms. Ray

All groups are focused on having dedicated phonics time along with strengthening comprehension skills.

Lit Lab: Ms. Smead

Students have been working on English proficiencies by retelling a familiar text with key details and writing a short summary.

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You can also check your students' planners to see what we are working on in class!

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