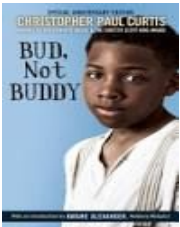


# January NEWSLETTER

## WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

### ELA



Students will begin reading *Bud, Not Buddy*, analyzing character development & determining the meaning of words and phrases, using figurative language.

### Science



We will be reviewing for the common assessment. We are also finishing up the unit on the water cycle.

### Social Studies

This month we will be learning about Ancient China and Greece.

### Math

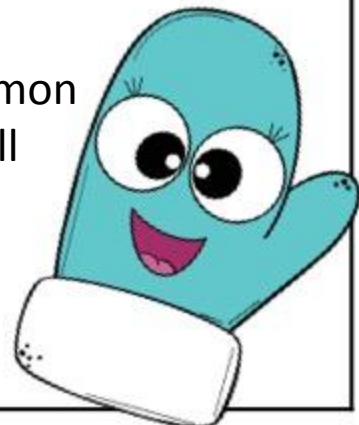
We are going to be spending this time reviewing past concepts to prepare students for the upcoming common assessment. .

## IMPORTANT DATES

January 1st to 4th Winter Break  
January 5th and 6th Early Dismissal  
January 16th No School  
January 19th Early Dismissal  
January 20th End of second Quarter

## REMINDERS

Students need to complete four i-ready lessons weekly. Two for ELA and two for math. Students will be taking their common assessments in all subject areas.



7th Grade

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## Math

During January, we will be reviewing for our upcoming post assessment. We will begin ratios and proportions at the start of third quarter. Please remember students need to complete two math iReady lessons each week.

## Social Studies

During January, the students will be preparing to take their Federal Constitution Exam. This will be followed by the State Constitution Exam to be given in March. Please reach out any time to Ms. McGreal or Mr. Dutton with any questions.

## Upcoming Dates

January 16-No School

January 19 -Early Release

January 20-End of Second Quarter

## Science

Science Fair projects should be finalized. Presentations begin the week of January 16th (all students must present). The next Science scope deals with the structure of matter.

## ELA

We will begin Module 2 and we will start reading *Lyddie* by Katherine Paterson. Students still need to complete 2 IReady Lessons each week.



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## Ms. Mclaurin - ELA Update :

Eighth Grade will continue reading the class novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Students have completed part one of the novel and have an upcoming assessment based on this portion of the novel. Students will continue completing two I-Ready lessons for ELA each week. Reading logs are also due weekly for independent reading that is completed outside of school using a separate book of their choice.

## Miss Pavlick Science:

Science Fair projects are due January 12. This includes a written report and a physical or digital presentation. Oral presentations will take place in class the week of January 17. Students selected to participate in the District Science fair will be notified by 1/20. Students that present at the district fair will be awarded an 8th grade Leadership point towards end of year celebrations. This science project is a major portion of the 2nd quarter grade. 2nd quarter ends 1/20.

## Mrs. Konecki S.S. Update:

This month students are continuing to dive in to the Progressive Era of American History. Students completed a poster on immigration and they will continue to learn how cities grow and develop along with how immigrants helped shaped our country. Students will also learn about the Great Migration of African Americans to northern cities as a part of the urbanization of the USA and the continued segregation in the South.



## Mrs. Blackwell - Math Update:

Eighth Grade Math students continue working with linear equations as they move from Linear Equations in Two Variables and Their Graphs to Slope and Equations of Lines. Algebra 1 students began Chapter 7 in December and now, begin expanding their understandings and skills related to exponential expressions.





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## Ms. Stonis - ELA Update :

This month we will focus on completing our second novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and write our essay on it. We will not finish the novel by the end of 2nd quarter, but will be done by the end of January. We will also take our Post Test which is on Chapter 11 the week of the 9th. Students should read AR articles and their self-selected novels to earn their 20 AR points. The Paper Airplane Book Report is due on January 10th.

Students are expected to have their chromebooks with them and charged daily. They are also expected to have their novel and journals daily as well. Failure to come prepared will impact participation points. Students need to have their cellphones locked in their lockers and will be held to this expectation.

## Mrs. P-sop Science:

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## Mrs. Gbur S.S. Update:

Welcome to January! Happy New Year! We are continuing our unit on the Progressive Era. We are continuing our journey on the Progressive Era and its effect on America then and now. We will also be looking at the Progressive Presidents and the reforms that were created under them. As we move through history we will be beginning WWI and its impact on the world. As always, we will continue working on our ACE writing. As we are going through the unit we will be focusing on primary source analysis and non-fiction text.



## Mr. Brenner - Math Update:

In math this month, students will begin working with systems of equations. We will be solving systems by graphing, using substitution, and using elimination. Students understand how to graph a single line in slope-intercept form, now it's time to see what happens when we have multiple lines represented on the same graph. What does it mean where they intersect? What does it tell us if they do not intersect?

