



The Bulldog

8th grade Newsletter

Rachel Carson Elementary School



Announcements

- November 4 - School Improvement Day PD - No Classes
- November 9 - Report Card Pick Up Day - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- November 9 - Graduation Money Collection
- November 10 - BAC Parent Meeting - Multipurpose Room at 8:00 a.m.
- November 11 - Veteran's Day - No Classes
- November 17 - NCLB Parent Meeting - Multipurpose Room at 8:00 a.m.
- November 17 - Dual Language Family Night - Middle Building: 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- November 22, 2016-Graduation Money Collection
- November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break - No Classes

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Mathematics

In Math class, 8th grade students will represent and solve problems involving proportional and nonproportional relationships. Linear graphs and equations will be explored this month. Since the graph of a linear equation is a straight line, the relative rate of change or slope is constant. This exploration will extend students' understanding that a proportional relationship is a special type of linear function that can be written in the form $y=kx$. They will also be able to investigate linear nonproportional situations using tables, graphs, words, and equations in the form of $y=mx+b$ and use data from various representations to determine the rate of change and y-intercept

English

In English class, students will begin reading a new short story AND a new book! Our short story, "The Lottery", will continue to look at themes of dystopia and conformity (two themes we examined while reading The Giver). Our new book, A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of A Boy Soldier, tells the true story of a boy whose life in Sierra Leone during the 1990's is challenged by a brutal civil war. While reading these two texts, students will be preparing discussion questions to help them have meaningful group conversations. We will be looking at literary elements, such as: figurative language, irony, foreshadowing, and mood. A reminder: students should be reading for at least 30 minutes every night. Students should record notes

in real-world situations. In addition, Algebra I students will be examining and working with linear relationship and interpreting linear functions in real-world situations. They will be preparing a presentation about how to use graphs and equations to identify linear functions. Lines are important mathematical topic. Please help students to explore and investigate the points on the line and how to find the slope of the line.

on their reading log sheet. Reading logs are always do on Monday's at the beginning of class.

Science

Hello parents. With the first quarter ending we have been through a lot already. I would like to remind you all that science fair presentations in class will be the week following Thanksgiving so please ensure that your students are working hard to prepare. The poster boards will be offered through school again this year. When they are ordered and arrived students will be informed. In the next month we are studying the chemistry of materials. students are learning about the negative impacts of products on the environment as well as what they are made of. I wish you all a wonderful break and encourage your students to turn in their homework.

Writing

In Writing class, students will continue practicing argumentative writing structure. Students will use their knowledge of the novel A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier, together with several non-fiction articles, to help them create their argument. Students will begin by first creating a claim to argue the following topic: Should child soldiers be given amnesty? It is our hope that by the end of this second argumentative paper, students will have mastered the craft of creating a sound and well defended argument. This skill will not only be important in high school, but also for any future college entrance exams (such as the SAT).

If you want more information visit the website Eighth Grade: carson8.weebly.com