

7th/8th Grade Classes:

Science with Ms. Dominguez and Coach Williams:

This week in 7/8 Science, we wrapped up our second unit! It's hard to believe that the weeks are flying by so fast, but just like that, we are moving right along to our next topic. For our third unit, I'm so excited to introduce the first topic that will connect us to this year's Academic Pentathlon topic- the science of space. When I heard that the topic for AP this year was the Cold War, I was thrilled. While for many students that I've talked to this is a gray area, for me, this is what sparked my love of science. My dad has always been a history buff and I remember him sharing the stories of the Space Race with me. It was the first time I had any interest in a social studies topic. I was mesmerized by the battle between the Soviet Union and the United States, and I clearly remembered the first time I hear the story of the Rocket Boys and realizing that maybe I could be just like them and pursue my love of science. From then on, I was hooked. With our next unit on gravity, I'm looking forward to working on some new projects and challenges with 7/8, and then dive into the world of space exploration.

Social Studies with Ms. Zaca and Coach Penirian:



This week, students read different primary source documents from four of our founding fathers and their views on slavery. Although most agreed slavery was evil, they still allowed it to continue to happen. To help expose the students to our Constitution, they played a Constitution Scavenger Hunt on Friday with groups! The winning team received 150 nest points. Next week, HW #7 is due on Wednesday and there will be a vocabulary quiz on Thursday.

On google classroom, I have been making tutorial videos on how to use google classroom, using nest cards in social studies, how to put windows side to side, and other videos that help explain how to use different parts of technology for class! Although some of these videos have been on here since the first week of school, not many students are watching them. Please make sure your child has watched these videos to help them be successful with google classroom! They are useful tools that are applicable for school and for future use! **These videos are located under the topic Important Resources and How-to-Videos under classwork.**

Another useful tip for my classroom is all assigned homework assignments all have an accompanying video that helps explain and show the students how to do them. **These videos can be found on Google Classroom in classwork, under the topic Homework Videos.**



Math with Mrs. Linarez and Ms. Losen

Spirit Week was a huge Success, Everyone enjoyed showing off their pets.

Varsity 2 - Finish the lesson on powers of 10 and we will take our quiz later on in the week.

Scholastic 2 - Unit 1 test has been pushed back. We will start the week off with more practice and review in order to be prepared for the Unit Test.

Honors 2 - Unit 2 - Quiz 1 has been pushed back to this week. We will start systems of equations.



Math with Mr. Dhillon and Coach Levand

Varsity: We completed lesson 7. We will do the review of lesson 5, 6 and 7 and we will have quiz 2 next week. We are practicing basic concepts of math on IXL everyday.

Scholastic: We have completed unit 1 and started with unit 2. We will have quiz 2.1 next week.

Honors: We completed Quiz 1 of unit 2 on Tuesday, and also Completed lesson 4 and lesson 5. We will be starting with lesson 7 and we will take quiz 2 of unit 2

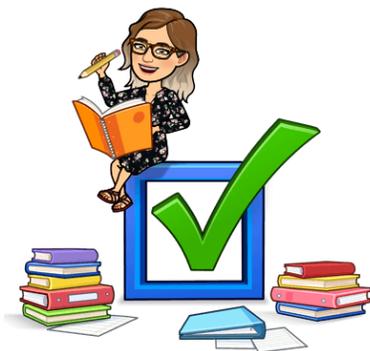
Language Arts with Mrs. Cerezo

Our focus this week was code breaking and discussing the ciphers/codes that were used in wartime, specifically during the Cold War. Students worked in teams to decode a series of ciphers in an Encrypted Escape Room. We continued this discussion by connecting the idea of ciphers to our novel and by reviewing some notes via Prezi. The notes discussed how ciphers and codes have been part of war since before the Civil War!



Students also practiced their vocabulary words and tried a new resource for class discussions. (Nearpod warmup pictured below)

Language Arts with Ms. Greene and Ms. Polo



This week we have focused on code breaking. This is one of the topics discussed in our book Spies. At the start of the week we did an escape room where the students had to crack codes to finish the assignment. They loved this! We have also talked about the history of it and how it is still used today.

I am finding many different websites to keep the class engaged, this week we tried a new site for reviewing for our test and the students loved the competition.

