



7TH GRADE 1st QUARTER NEWSLETTER

MATH

On-Level: Students are finishing the Geometry Unit and will take the Common Benchmark Assessment by September 18th. The next unit of study is Inferences where students will collect and analyze data. The inferences unit will conclude in late October.

Accelerated: Students have finished the Geometry unit and will take the Inferences Common Benchmark Assessment in mid-October. We will finish up the 7th grade curriculum and begin the 8th grade curriculum in early November.

ELA

The first nine weeks are devoted to literary standards with an emphasis on basic grammar skills. The students are reading at high volumes and analyzing texts on a daily basis. The writing focus for this nine weeks is argumentative and narrative. We will also focus on letter formatting to prepare them for the CBA.

Please encourage your child to have a novel with them on a daily basis. They can check one out at the Learning Commons, or you can purchase one for them to have in class. There is also a public library just down the road from the school. There will be times they will have the opportunity to read at school, and we also encourage reading at home.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The first nine weeks will be devoted to learning about the Middle East. Students will be learning about the geography, diversity of religions & ethnic groups, and history of U.S. involvement in SW Asia (Middle East).

This includes an overview of general facts about Judaism, Christianity, and Islam ; their basic beliefs, founders, symbols, holy days, and customs. Students will also examine how people and their beliefs have influenced the history of the Middle East and how they are still affecting the world today.

The anniversary of 9/11 is coming up soon. This is an important part of American history and tied directly to our 7th grade standards. We encourage you to share your memories of 9/11 with your student.

SCIENCE

Seventh grade life science has been focused on making qualitative and quantitative observations. We also have been working on using scientific processes. In September, we will be working on exploring the characteristics of living things. Smithgall Woods will be here on September 12th to introduce us to scientific classification. We will spend most of September exploring historical and modern day classification.

GRADE LEVEL INFORMATION

Reminders of our CBMS non-negotiables:

- Students must wear their IDs at all times. Replacement IDs are available for \$5 each. See Mrs. Jackson if you need to purchase a new one.
- Agenda use: Students will not be allowed to leave the classroom without their agenda. Replacement agendas are \$5 each and available in the counseling office.
- Dress code: Students should be dressed appropriately for school.
 - Shorts and skirts should be appropriate length for school.
- Hallway expectations: Students should be quiet in the hallways as to not disturb other classes. Students should stay to the right when walking in the hall. Please remind students to go directly to their next class when dismissed.
- Computers: Computers should be charged at home every night. Students should have their chargers with them at school. Students should not play computer games on their Chromebooks during class. Doing so will result in a STEP in their behavior plan.
- Paper progress reports will not be sent home. Please continue to monitor your student's progress by accessing Infinite Campus.
- Cell Phones: Cell phones should be turned off and placed in the student's book bag during the school day.

Message from the counseling department:

Counseling is publishing something called "The Bear Necessities" which provides quick tips and updates on all things student related from new and potentially harmful apps the kids are using to upcoming student events sponsored by various organizations. This is a bi-weekly post that can be found on all CBMS social media.

LEARNING COMMONS

- **OUR STAFF:** We would love to introduce you to our Learning Commons' Team... We couldn't be more excited about working with and supporting your student this year!
 - Ms. Jessica Mueller (Media Specialist) jessica.mueller@hallco.org
 - Ms. Krista Acton (Media Clerk) krista.acton@hallco.org
 - Ms. Monica Jackson (MS Lab Manager) monica.jackson@hallco.org
- **CHROMEBOOKS:** We are excited that our Chromebook "one-to-one" initiative is going so well already this year! Here is a link to our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for students and parents. If you don't see what you need here, don't hesitate to contact us!
- **TECH SUPPORT:** If you need any tech support, Ms. Monica Jackson is our amazing Lab Manager for CBMS! She is doing a wonderful job of helping our students already!
- **LITERACY:** We are already seeing many of your children for checking out books, and we are excited to help build or continue in them a life-long love for reading!

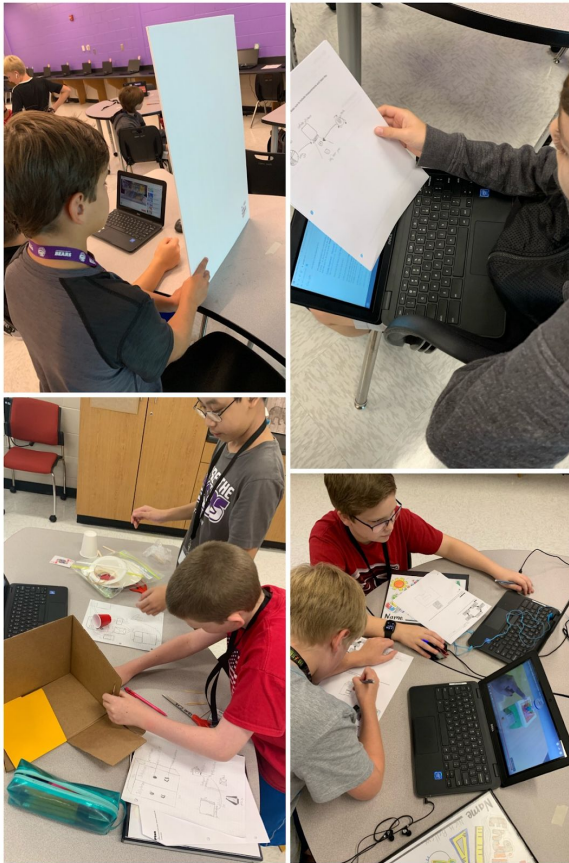
Connections

Band:

Seventh grade students have been working on warm-up exercises and scales
Fall Band Concert Oct. 21st

Engineering & Technology:

Students are learning about inventions, famous inventors, and the Engineering Design Process (EDP). We're working through the EDP as students design and create a working prototype of a candy dispenser.



Healthcare Science:

7th Grade

Students in Mrs. Guevara's Healthcare Science class are learning about infection control and safety practices. They also recently completed a project about biosafety levels.

Literacy:

It's been a great start to the new year! We have been working on reading for meaning, theme, story plot, and current events! Please encourage your student to read books, magazines and online articles, etc... Today a Reader, Tomorrow a LEADER!

Marketing:

Order Yearbooks at cbmsyearbook.com

Science Enrichment:

We have been observing natural phenomenon, testing the surface tension of water, designing the perfect paper airplane and building the strongest towers.



Spanish:

Students in Spanish learned about the 21 Spanish speaking countries in the world and where they are located. We are planning a small fiesta (party) in each class to mark the beginning of Hispanic Heritage month on September 16th. I would like to thank you all in advance for contributing to our celebration.

Visual Arts:

We are finishing our Fast Food Still Life drawings in 3D.