

Team 8B

Team Reminders

- Order your 8B Team T-Shirts
- Please check Infinite Campus on a regular basis to stay up-to-date on your progress



QUARTER 1 NEWSLETTER 2016-2017

Language Arts with Ms. Bickley

Welcome 8th graders and families! I hope you have had a fabulous start to the school year, and I hope it set the tone for an upbeat, positive, and rigorous quarter in Language Arts. I have been encouraging students to be advocates for themselves now that they are in 8th grade, so please support them in emailing me with any questions or concerns they may have! Also encourage them to read, read, and read some more (on a daily basis)!

Quarter 1 Highlights:

Reading

The Pearl by John Steinbeck
Independent Reading Book

Writing

Literary Analysis (5 Paragraph Essay)
Character Analysis (5 Paragraph Essay)
8th Grade Honors

Reading

Animal Farm by George Orwell
Independent Reading Book

Writing

Literary Analysis (5 Paragraph Essay)
Character Analysis (5 Paragraph Essay)



Get ready to read some awesome books and learn about thesis statements and MLA format! Yay ☺

I hope you and an enjoyable summer and are ready for a great year with 8B. Students will be encouraged to participate in class discussions, peer critiquing, group activities, and perseverance. We recommend that students attend school often, complete homework daily, and prepare for assessments by studying and asking questions ahead of time. Students may attend tutoring as needed. We encourage students to take ownership of their learning and email or meet with their teacher directly.

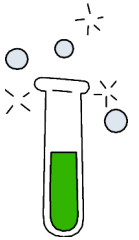
Pre-Algebra: During 1st quarter students will be learning about: the 8 Mathematical Practices, Problem Solving, Rational Numbers, Powers and Exponents, Multiplying and Dividing Monomials, Powers of Monomials, Scientific Notation, Irrational Numbers, and Solving Equations.

Algebra: During 1st quarter students will be learning about: the 8 Mathematical Practices, Problem Solving, Statistics, Solving Equations, Writing and Graphing Inequalities and Writing and Graphing Linear Functions.

Science

with Ms. Slupinski

This quarter's curriculum includes PHYSICS! We will begin the quarter with learning how to convert within the metric system and reviewing the steps of the scientific method. We will then focus on Newton's 3 Laws of Motion. The laws of motion include many hands-on activities, labs, and real world applications that will be very engaging for the students. Finally, we will end the quarter learning how to graph position/velocity-time graphs, by using motion detectors. Students will also be receiving their Science Fair packet this quarter, which is filled with resources for your child to complete the entire Science Fair process (I promise it isn't scary!!). I will be emailing you information on Science Fair frequently, so that you are ALWAYS informed of any upcoming due dates... Stay tuned! **I am very eager to begin the year with my fabulous science students! :)**



Social Studies

with Mrs. Greene

During 1st quarter students will be learning about the influences, causes and outcomes of the American Revolution, including key Enlightenment philosophers, the Declaration of Independence and various laws enacted by British Parliament. They will investigate several key battles of the Revolution and how the colonists help to change the ways wars would be fought. Additionally, students will begin to explore the

world we live in as they study geography. This quarter will focus on the United States, North America and South America.



Math

with Ms. Stanley

