

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

6th Grade Earth and Space Science & Geography

In Science class this week, sixth graders explored our galaxy. They learned about the inner and outer planets, their formation and characteristics. The class even modeled the solar system in the hallway which allowed them to practice their measuring skills! The class concluded the week with a Plickers quiz based on the content of the labs.

In Geography the students completed their test on the history and culture of the states east of the Mississippi. They made corrections and moved on to the next chapter—states west of the Mississippi River. They created a chalkboard splash of all the items that come to mind when they hear the phrase, “the wild west.”

7th Grade Life Science & Early U.S. History

The seventh graders completed corrections to their test on energy pyramids and began the next unit on organization. They are learning about the different way that nature maintains a balance. Our introduction focused on predator–prey relationships and their lab is expanding upon this idea by looking at parasite–host relationships. Thankfully, the 7th grade doesn't have science class right before lunch too often!

The class reviewed for their test and created notecards to aid them on the essay portion. We will use this as a jumping off point for another writing assignment in the future. They completed their tests on Wednesday and were able to make corrections on Thursday. The seventh grade was able to start the next chapter on life in the American Colonies.

8th Grade Physical Science & Modern U.S. History

The eighth graders were able to make corrections to their tests on Monday before moving on to the next chapter. The class is now focusing on Chemical and Physical changes. They worked through a lab and completed a “Plickers” quiz to assess their understanding of these concepts.

In history class, the eighth grade completed their test on Urban Societies and were able to make corrections. We discussed the National History Day theme of “Taking A Stand,” and began to brainstorm project ideas and options. Students were strongly encouraged to narrow their topic and begin to do some light research to see if they can find information on their proposed idea. Final decisions will be made next week.

LOOKING AHEAD

6th Grade Earth and Space Science & Geography

- Next week, 6th graders will learn about the physical features of states west of the Mississippi River. They will begin to create their maps. *Students should be studying their notes and maps every night!*
- In science class, the students will continue to learn about the planets and the formation of the solar system with notes on gravity, the inner planets and the outer planets. They will begin their in-class activities by the end of the week.

7th Grade Life Science & Early U.S. History

- Seventh graders will begin to learn about life in the colonies and the unrest that built up to the American Revolution.
- In science, the class will continue to learn about Organization with notes and an in-class activity.

8th Grade Physical Science & Modern U.S. History

- In History class, 8th grade will decide on their NHD topics and begin research. They will also start the next unit on the Progressives and Imperialism.
- Eighth graders will continue with the unit on Chemical and Physical changes with notes and an in-class activity.

Thank you for all that you do to make our school great!