

September

Science – Eighth grade is currently in a TRIAL TEXTBOOK from Pearson. We are starting the process of examining various textbooks from a variety of publishers. The Pearson book has a consumable student book, so at this time they will have a copy of the Topic we are covering and keep it in their Science Notebooks. Their first Topic is Understanding Matter. They will be learning the states of matter, properties of matter, and atomic structure of matter.

Math – Eighth grade is working on one and two-step equations as well as how this applies to Geometry. Students are required to know and apply these basic skills. These equations include all aspects of rational numbers such as whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and powers. I have high expectations for my classes and eighth grade is probably the toughest. I know with your child's positive effort and support from myself that they will be successful. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time. Wednesday quizzes will begin on September 19th. Students should have a study guide that they can be studying from. We will begin with fraction conversions.

Social Studies - We are reviewing the main events, people, and documents surrounding the colonies, Revolutionary War, and the founding of our country.

Language Arts – We are reading and discussing the novel, <u>Freak the Mighty</u>. The students are using this novel to define unknown vocabulary words using context clues. There are Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes quizzes every Friday. First novel due: Sept 14th.

News and Information

Blue & Gold – The end date for our Blue & Gold fundraiser will be this Thursday, September 6th. We ask that all orders and money be brought to school at that time. The class and I will count the money and tally the items ordered. I will then place the order the week of September 10th. I will send out an email and a text telling parents when the orders will arrive at Edna. Please remember that all students will need someone to pick them and their items up that afternoon. No Blue & Gold items can be taken on the bus, and no items can be left in the classroom until after practice. These items are perishable and need to be put in a freezer or delivered right away.

Parsons Library - The 7th & 8th grade classes will be traveling to the Parsons Library to view the Magna Carta exhibit this Thursday, September 6th. We will leave Edna around 10am. After viewing the exhibit, the students will have the choice to eat at either Taco Bell or McDonalds. Please send money for lunch to school with your child that day. We will arrive back at Edna before 1pm.