



December

**Science** – We have started a unit on the Introduction of Atoms. Students are learning about scientists that have contributed to the Atomic Theory over the centuries and about the structure of the atom – protons, neutrons, and electrons, their charges, and locations in the atom. We will also learn about isotopes in this lesson.

**Math** – Eighth grade students have started their study of slope. This study includes further practice with two-step equations and inequalities and the graphing of lines of those equations in slope form. They will do a two-chapter study with equations the first chapter and inequalities the second chapter. Please encourage your child to read the report. This will help them with the topics that we take and what is discussed in class daily. If they are unsure if it is what that they come in and have me go over it with them. This is a difficult homework and it can affect their grade dramatically if they do not understand.

**Social Studies** – We are continuing our study of the Constitutional Convention. The students are researching the delegates that represented each colony and what their contributions were.

**Language Arts** – We are continuing to work on differentiating various types of nouns. We are also continuing to work the novel, A Year Down Yonder.

## News and Information

**Christmas Program** – Students need to be at the high school this evening by 6:15.

**Strike Party** – We are going to Five Mile Camp on Thursday, December 13th. We are going to do various indoor activities including: swimming\*, board games, basketball, 9-square, and an escape room. We will leave Edna around 8am and will return around 3pm. Students do NOT need a sack lunch.

\*While swimming, both boys and girls need to have t-shirts on. Girls need shorts on over their swimsuit, as well.

**Canned Food Drive** – In lieu of a gift exchange, please bring your non-perishable food donations by December 19th. Students will attempt to use their non-perishable/ canned foods to “block the classroom doors” that morning. If the class can block the door so that the teacher cannot step over it, they will enjoy STEAM Lab Activities in the gym that morning.

**Christmas Parties** – The class Christmas parties will be on December 19th at 2:30. The following people are signed up to bring things:

Brett – Drinks

Snowden – Cups, Plates, Silverware

Audrey – Treats

Ezekiel – Treats

Carter – Treats

**Remember** – You can always bring treats, even if you are not signed up to do so.