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# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Edna Elementary School

## Welcome!!

Welcome! We have started the year with great gusto. Our students are getting used to their lockers, the new expectations, our new schedule, and the new lunchroom situation. I am so excited to have them as my 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom this year. I look forward to getting to know each of them better. If you have questions, comments, or concerns throughout the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is [dcarrico@usd506.org](mailto:dcarrico@usd506.org) or you may call me at school or at home prior to 9 p.m..

## Math

We have been studying Integers (positive and negative numbers). Students are learning to add, subtract, multiply, and divide integers. Our first test is today. This series will allow them to show prior knowledge while expanding their mathematical experience. He/she will find that our curriculum is rigorous. However, they will become better students and mathematicians because of it. Please encourage them to work hard, ask lots of questions, and be patient as we work together on this journey. **As a reminder, students will have a weekly quiz each week on Wednesday.** Students will be given the study guide this week for next week.

## Chili Supper Basket Theme

Our basket theme for this year's chili supper will be "Lego Master Builder." We will be beginning our donation letter writing process this week. Every year, seventh grade learns how to properly write letters, address envelopes, and request donations. It's a great way to learn both the generosity of others as well as the commitments that they have already extended themselves to support. I know that this seems early, but it helps if we get them in the mail as soon as possible.

Some ideas for you to send might include: Lego people, Lego blanket, Lego books, Lego movie, Lego sets, Lego candy, Lego t-shirts, just anything Lego or Lego related. We will begin accepting donations in October. The kids are ecstatic about our theme and I believe that they will sell a lot of tickets to help our school.

## Social Studies

Seventh grade students will begin the study of civics by gaining an understanding of what is a citizen, the advantages that come with citizenship, and the qualities/advantages of being a good citizen. Emphasis will be placed on taking an active roll in our school, town, community, and country.

## Science

The students have been doing "Metric Mania" the past week and a half. We have reviewed Length- Meter, Kilometer, Centimeter, Millimeter; Mass - Kilogram, Gram, Milligram; and Volume - Milliliter, Liter and Volume of solid objects as well. Students will wrap up this review with a performance assessment first thing next week.

## Language Arts & Reading

We are reviewing characters and plot. Our first quiz over characters, plot, and the first section of prefixes will be this Wednesday. We will begin reading stories from our new textbooks next week.

In our novel, *The Outsiders*, we are reading about social classes and the trials and triumphs of teenagers. This book takes place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was written by S.E. Hinton in 1967. She was 15 when she started writing the novel.