



**Science** – We have started our Chemistry unit. Currently we are increasing our knowledge about mass, weight, density and volume with various labs and activities.

**Math** – Eighth grade will be finishing the Geometry unit and beginning the Linear Equations unit. We also started Daily Math this week as a spiral review.

**Social Studies** – We are just beginning the creation of the Constitution. We will then be discussing the progress of our nation towards Westward Expansion.

**Language Arts** – We are going to focus on the close reading of short Christmas stories during this month. We will focus on characterization, literary devices, and figurative language. Novel #5 is due Dec. 17th.

## News and Information

**Orientation** – 8th grade will travel to the high school for our first orientation day on Wednesday, Dec. 15th. We will leave school as soon as the busses arrive, so please have your child eat breakfast at home that morning. We will eat lunch at the high school and will return to Edna around 2:30.

**Canned Food Drive** – We will be gathering non-perishable food items to donate to local needy families. We do this in place of a gift exchange. This teaches our children the importance of helping others in need. If you would like to help, please send new, unopened items such as canned goods; nonperishable foods such as cereal, instant potatoes, spaghetti; personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, and conditioner; or laundry items such as detergent. Please send these to the school by December 17th, so that we can sort them into the appropriate boxes for each family. Thank you in advance for your child's participation. We currently have several families "adopted." Thank you to the ECO's, Pleasant View Church, and other generous donors.

**Christmas Parties** – The class Christmas parties will be on December 21st at 2:30. The following people are signed up to bring things:

K'Shon – Drinks

Chelsea – Cups, Plates, Silverware

Stephen – Treats

Sierra – Treats

Carly – Treats

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

Also, if you aren't going to be able to send items for any reason, please let me know ahead of time.