

AMS Board Communications

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From the AMS Campus

GT Classes

Our GT classes have been busy with brain teasers and puzzles. The new students are getting acclimated to their groups. Now that testing is complete, students that qualified, will now be served. AMS had 11 students, 5th thru 8th grades, test and 3 qualified for services. Fifth grade has 17 students served with pull out during DEAR time.

Library News

AMS students have a new reading goal: 1,000 Reading Rewards Miles. Students who reach the goal by April 1st will be invited to Spring Gaming Day in the library. Students in the 5th and 6th grades began the Six Flags Reading Race on January 4th. If the students read for 6 hours and turn in their forms by February 19th they will receive Six Flags tickets.

Theater

Students are working on their class play. They will be learning the process of putting together a play from start to finish. This year's Jr. High One Act Play, The Steadfast Tin Soldier, has gone very well through rehearsals. The students performed at the Jr. High One Act Play Contest on Wednesday January 20th at Krum High School. They did a great job!!

AG & FFA

8th grade Ag classes are starting their livestock terminology and animal science unit. The 7th grade Career classes are starting their unit on money.

FFA is becoming very busy. Mr. Yarbrough is doing an amazing job running the show season by himself along with the help from some of our amazing parents. The Ft. Worth Livestock show for pigs and goats are in the next few weeks. There will be updates as the shows and placings are complete.

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5th Grade

ELAR classes are using their skills/TEKS from Unit 3. The concepts that are being taught are point of view, author's perspective, story elements, plot, characters, theme & text to self. The students will write a nonfiction paper that will be linked to what they are learning in social studies.

Math classes are learning geometry and measurement.

Science classes are finishing up their unit on land forms and fossils. They will be following that up with their unit on the sun, earth and moon

6th Grade

ELAR is reading their class novel, Number the Stars by Lois Lowry. It is a historical fiction that will lead them in many wonderful directions including travels to foreign lands via Google Earth. They will be working on academic vocabulary, STAAR Master reading passages, reading strategies and expository writing.

8th Grade

Math classes and **Algebra 1** classes started the new year sharing "good things" and talked about what to expect in the second semester for 8th grade.

Math students are learning about scatter plots and review simple interest mark-ups, tax and discount.

Algebra1 students are learning about Properties of Exponents, Radicals and Exponential Functions.

English classes are excited to start reading new literature as well as poetry.

7TH & 8TH grade Tech Apps

Brought to you by Teacher Sara King

In recognition of Computer Science Education Week (December 7 – 13, 2015), 7th and 8th grade Tech Apps students extended the celebration by participating in the Hour of Code during Finals Week (after their exams and during the shortened periods). Organized by **Code.org**, a public 501c3 non-profit dedicated to expanding participation in computer science, Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, "designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics."

(<https://hourofcode.com/us>)

