



AMS Board Communications

October 2015

5th Grade

Math- Students are learning the order of operations. They will also continue developing an understanding of algebraic expressions and use this understanding to solve algebraic equations. They will be finishing up the month with an introduction to decimals to the thousandths.

ELAR-In ELAR they are working on story elements, summary, character analysis, and vocabulary. They are also discussing the difference between fiction and nonfiction. To promote fluency, vocabulary and story elements they are reading the play “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”

Science-They are working on physical science unit. They are discussing how to describe matter through physical properties to include, mass & weight, relative density, magnetism, conductors & insulators, mixtures

Social Studies-They are using the new USA Studies Weekly.

6th Grade

ELAR- Students have been reading expository texts. Alexander the Great, a biography and Land of the Red Apples, an autobiography. Students have also been using the writing process to write their own autobiography, as well as, a biography of a family member. They just finished up their first C-Scope test.

8th Grade

Science students are starting their last chemistry unit. They will be comparing and contrasting elements, molecules, and compounds, identifying balanced chemical equations, also explaining conservation of matter in chemical equations and reactions.

English students are wrapping up the first nine weeks by writing essays based on Mark Twain’s autobiographical short story, “Cub Pilot on the Mississippi.” Students took their first istation assessment for the year. The students have been working very hard and it is reflected in their scores.

Out of the Nurses Office

On September 28th & 29th Nurse Hinsely and Mrs. Benson completed 360+ vision screenings. They had some extra hands on deck to help them out. The Aubrey Lion’s Club assisted them with these screenings and they had a parent volunteer, Patricia Smith, assisting students to and from the screening area.



News For The Books

The AMS library is gearing up for the book fair October 26-30th. They have also started their reading programs. Bluebonnet for 5th & 6th grades and Lone Star for 7th & 8th grades. Students who read five books will be invited to a celebration in February. New to the Middle School this year is Reading Rewards. Students review and recommend the books they read in a blog format. For every book review they get Reading Reward Miles which can be traded in for virtual prizes and virtual badges.

UIL

AMS students are already preparing for their UIL Competition that will be held at Argyle Middle School on January 14 & 15th. Students are primarily practicing on Tuesdays. However Chess and 5th & 6th grade Number Sense meet on Mondays. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Dyer are excited to welcome Vicki Howard, Evan Dye, Sara King, Brett Dobbs, Randall Skoog, and Laura Westbrook to their UIL coaching team.

Middle School UIL One Act Play is about to start up in the next couple of weeks. The 6th through 8th graders are very excited for auditions.

Theater

Students are currently learning how to utilize an effective voice in a theatrical setting by using enunciation, projection, diction, and pronunciation. Students will also be learning improvisation, mime, and pantomime in the upcoming weeks. The students have already learned about the Purpose of Theater, Stage Directions and Body positions, relaxation/stage fright techniques, group building through improvisation, character relationships and character building, and aspects of design for the theater.

AG/FFA

7th & 8th grade Ag classes have had a great start to the year. Classes are full of students working hard.

7th grade just finished up their money unit where they discussed how much things cost and the value of working for their own money. Now they are starting their college unit and fixing to start hunting for the best college to fit their needs.

8th grade classes are tackling the dreaded Parliamentary Procedure. According to Mrs. Gilbreath, this year's classes are welcoming it more than in years past. She has changed up her teaching style on this very difficult concept to better benefit the students.

FFA

As usual FFA is already very busy. Their membership is right around 125 7th-12th grade students. That is up about 20 from last year. There is about 30 6th grade and about the same amount of younger members. The pig barn is completely full with 30 pigs in the barn and 15 off site. Goat numbers are consistently the same with 30 kids showing in the market classes and 5 showing in the breeding class. Sheep numbers have grown this year with 6 market and 2 breeding sheep. It appears that they will have a considerable increase with their rabbits and chickens. Those numbers will be finalized in November. Showing was a success at the State Fair of Texas. Jackson Reynolds placed 4th in the barrow show, Justin Gibby had

a first in breeding and Trey Shipp received a Reserve Grand Champion in the breeding pigs. Karlee Collings and Chloe Chave will be showing goats. Grant and Audrey Beaty will be showing their heifers all within the next couple of weeks.

More Aubrey FFA good things.....

A few weeks ago they were asked to be the only food vendor at the Bark in the Park hosted by D&L Feed Store. The event is growing each year. The students had a blast helping cook hotdogs and burgers for the community.

They recently had their first fundraiser at Fuzzy's Taco. It was a huge success. They would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the FFA program. They will have a few more throughout the year.