

DECEMBER
2015

AMS BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

5th Grade

ELAR students are working on Greek and Latin roots, drawing conclusions, compare & contrast, and persuasive writing.

Science classes have been working on energy resources. They have been talking about the formation of rocks, primarily sedimentary, along with the fossil fuels (coal, oil & natural gas). They have been discussing alternative energy sources such as wind, waves, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal and biofuels. They are moving into weathering, erosion, and deposition and how different land forms such as sand dunes, canyons, and deltas are created.

Math classes are working on mastering their skills at multiplying, dividing, and simplifying fractions.

GT is ready for the Oscars!! The students have been hard at work studying renewable energy sources. They will present their information in movie form. They are experimenting with green screens, iMovie, and Ink Do to create their movies. GT testing continues for 12 middle school students. Results should be ready to be sent home at Winter Break.

6th Grade

ELAR classes are finishing up their Ancient Egyptians research papers. They will begin specific skill studies, reading strategies, and reviewing academic vocabulary. Students will be reading and blogging. Semester reviews, study tips and test taking strategies.

7th Grade

Science classes are studying body systems. This includes dissecting chicken wings using the muscles, tendons, and bone to make the wing move.

8th Grade

Science classes are studying Newton's 3 Laws of Motion, which include Inertia, Force & Acceleration, and Action & Reaction.

- The students are doing numerous activities that demonstrate these laws. This will be the last physics unit for the students.
- They are also reviewing their chemistry units in preparation for their semester exam.



Band

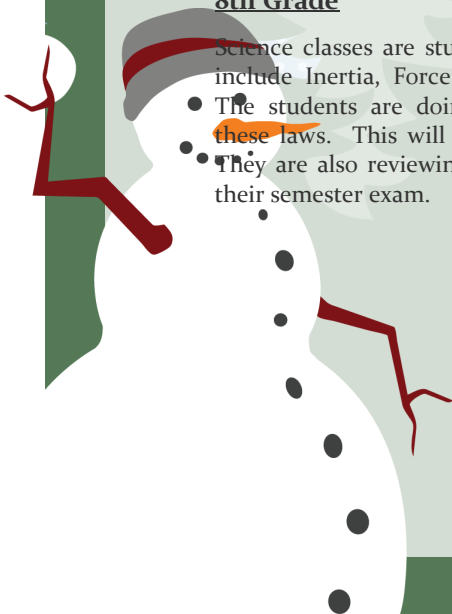
This is a very busy time of year for the band students. They have been working on new music for their band concert, which will be held on December 15th at the Middle School Gym. They also had their competition in November.

Theatre

Theatre students are learning about character building through multiple ways including renderings, analysis, group work, improvisation, and sub-text. They have also created and performed their own original monologue, created costume rendering. They have also used improvisation to create characters, characteristics, relationships, conflict, resolution, and plot.

Library

Students who met their reading goals for the first semester were invited to a gaming hour in the library on Dec 6th-10th. Students were required to log their reading and review completed books on their blogging platform.



FFA/AG

7th grade Ag classes are hard at work learning about jobs that they would be good at. Last week they finished writing a resume that they could use later in life.

8th grade Ag classes wrapped up their etiquette and manners unit just before Thanksgiving and are currently working on a floral design short unit. This unit teaches them how to design a floral arrangement.

FFA is patiently awaiting the arrival of their brand new 24' aluminum livestock trailer. It should arrive any day. The students have been hard at work getting ready for livestock show season. This year the program has nearly 100 animals on feed. Last year they had around 85 animals, so they continue to grow leaps and bounds.

FFA will be hosting their very first Talent Contest at AMS. This event is open to everyone to watch and vote. The FFA talent winner will win the opportunity to compete at their district contest in April.

