

THE EIGHTH GRADE TIMES



LANGUAGE ARTS

Mr. Henchey
Mrs. Muratore

Throughout this year, students will become conversant in a variety of writing styles and hone their writing skills using short stories and novels they read in class as well as the writing they create themselves. Writing styles covered in the eighth grade include short stories, poetry, novels, drama, personal narratives and responses to literature. In addition, students learn

about letter writing and other business correspondence. Some of the literature pieces that will be covered this year include: "The Most Dangerous Game" by Richard Connell, "The Cast of Amontillado" by E.A. Poe, "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry, "Romeo and Juliet" as well as "A Midsummer's Night Dream" by William Shakespeare, Animal Farm by George Orwell, The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien, and "The Odyssey" by Homer. These works will cover a wide variety of literary styles.



Shakespeare

ALGEBRA 1A

Mr. Scariati
Ms. Andrychowska

We are pleased to report the introduction of Algebra 1A in the 8th Grade. The McDougal Littell Algebra 1 Concepts and Skills textbook is one of the most comprehensive and up-to-date books available. Students will make the transition from arithmetic to algebra. Our pupils will develop computational, procedural, and problem solving skills to provide a solid foundation for graphing and writing linear equations. The online resources can be accessed at classzone.com.



Important dates for 8th graders:

Week of January 26 th – 30 th Mid-Terms
April 28 th – May 1 st : NJ ASK 8 Standardized Testing
June 12 th : 8 th Grade Dance at the Elks Club
June 19 th : New Milford Swim Club Trip
June 23 rd : Moving Up Ceremony

Science

Mr. Ronan

This year students will study Earth Science. Some topics they will learn about include; the atmosphere and weather, minerals and rocks, how the surface of Earth changes, plate tectonics, the flow of water, resources from the Earth, types of maps, and space. The science book is available to read on-line at "my.hrw.com", the students have user names and passwords to access the on-line book. There is a set of books for students to use in the classroom, therefore students do not need to bring a book to class. To prepare for the New Jersey Ask 8 test, students will review general science topics about one period per week, starting in late September. The students will take three teacher administered practice tests. The practice tests do not count towards a

grade; they are just for practice and review purposes. There will be several projects, labs and computer labs for the students to complete during the year.



Social Studies

Mr. Mayer

This year will prove to be an exciting year for your historian. Students will set out on a journey through the Middle Ages and Renaissance of European history. They will study the Crusades, Black Plague, Leonardo DaVinci, and the Reformation. These topics will all be covered in the first half of the year culminating with a comprehensive mid-term at the end of the second marking period.

Then, our historians will move into more current topics for discussion with the study of Civics. For the second half of the year, the students will study citizenship, early American government, the Constitution, and how our government functions in the 21st century. The 8th grade social studies program will prove to be an exciting adventure for all students this year.



Leonardo

Algebra

Mr. Scariati Mrs. Boutemine Ms. Andrychowska

The McDougal Littell Algebra 1 text is one of the most comprehensive and up-to-date books available. It will guide students all the way from the order of operations, through polynomials and factoring, to quadratic functions. Numerous online resources are also available, including an online version of the text book and tutorial assistance. The online resources can be accessed at classzone.com. Students will also be learning how to use graphing calculators throughout the course. We are also very excited about continuing the accelerated math program this year and we extend a warm welcome to the three 7th graders who will be taking our 8th grade Algebra I class this year.



World Languages

Ms. Halphen, Ms. La Punzina, Ms. Ramos

Mrs. Halphen Ms. Ramos and Ms. LaPunzina's viewpoint as World Language Teachers is to stress the importance of teaching a foreign language as a tool useful to students in their attempt to have a more global view of the world. Our main goal in the classroom is to provide the students with the skills needed to be able to communicate in the target language which are Spanish and Italian. All Spanish Students have their textbook available online at www.go.hrw.com We, as foreign language teachers must advocate the importance of learning a second language to our students and to our colleagues as well. We understand that students will improve their knowledge of their own culture by understanding, appreciating and studying other cultures. Students will achieve a better appreciation of the Spanish / Italian culture by being exposed to music, art, literature and movies. We expect this year to be very productive and filled with new fun and learning



The Coliseum of Rome



The Aqueduct of Seville

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