

Middle School ELA & Science Newsletter

Parent & Family Update | Week of October 19, 2026

Assalamu Alaikum Parents and Guardians,

This week, middle school students will continue building their reading comprehension, vocabulary, literary analysis, and scientific reasoning skills. Instruction will build on previously introduced concepts through textbook reading, class discussions, guided practice, vocabulary activities, and review.

English Language Arts (ELA)

Curriculum: i-Ready Reading — Unit 2

6th Grade: Analyzing Figurative Language: Metaphors and Similes

Students will learn to identify and analyze metaphors and similes in literary texts. Instruction will focus on recognizing comparisons, interpreting figurative meanings, and explaining how authors use figurative language to make descriptions more vivid and communicate ideas. Students will practice distinguishing between literal and figurative meanings and using context to understand expressions.

7th Grade: Analyzing Interactions Among Story Elements and Determining Theme

Students will continue examining how characters, settings, and events interact to develop a story. They will explore how characters' actions, conflicts, and experiences contribute to the development of a theme. Students will practice identifying themes and supporting their interpretations with relevant text evidence.

8th Grade: Analyzing Dialogue and Incidents in Stories and Dramas; Summarizing Literary Texts

Students will analyze how dialogue and significant incidents reveal character traits, influence relationships, and advance the plot. They will also practice summarizing literary texts by identifying key events and important details while distinguishing essential information from minor details.

Students across all grade levels will continue strengthening reading comprehension, vocabulary development, literary analysis, and written responses through regular classwork and practice.

Science

6th Grade — Interactive Science: Earthquakes

Students will continue studying earthquakes, including how they occur and how scientists investigate earthquake activity. Instruction will reinforce key vocabulary and concepts through textbook reading, guided questions, class discussions, and review activities. Students will develop a better understanding of earthquake processes and the scientific study of Earth's activity.

7th Grade — Interactive Science: Scientific Literacy, Scientists and Society

Students will continue exploring scientific literacy and the role of science in society. Lessons will focus on understanding scientific information, examining the contributions and responsibilities of scientists, and recognizing how scientific knowledge influences everyday life and decision-making. Students will participate in reading, vocabulary development, and discussion activities.

8th Grade — Inspire Science, Integrated Grade 8: Forces in Nature

Students will explore the question: *What forces operate in nature?* Instruction will introduce or reinforce four major types of forces: gravitational, electric, magnetic, and nuclear forces. Students will examine how these forces operate and influence interactions in the natural world. Class activities will include reading, vocabulary development, guided questions, and examples that connect scientific concepts to everyday observations and natural phenomena.

Parent Reminders

- Encourage students to complete assignments and review their class notes regularly.
- Support vocabulary development and reading comprehension by encouraging students to read and discuss what they are learning.
- Ask students to explain key concepts from their ELA and Science lessons in their own words.
- Remind students to bring their textbooks, notebooks, pencils, and other required materials to class.

Curriculum Notice: Please note that the curriculum and instructional plans outlined in this newsletter are subject to change.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Your encouragement and involvement help students develop responsibility, confidence, and strong academic habits.

Sincerely,

Middle School ELA & Science Teacher