

8TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

MRS. SMITH & MS. SHANA

1. Classwork.

Math: Ch. 5 Linear Equations.

History: Unit 3. The Early Republic. Current Event presentations.

Language Arts: we will analyze various literature selections through close reading, class discussion, writing, grammar, and language study. We are preparing to write a narrative. Novel study on *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Science: Living vs. Non-living, and Anatomy of Cells,

STEM: we are finishing up our bridge project and moving on to construct a "Cell City."

2. Keep Healthy Routines. Since it is cold and flu season, help students stay healthy with a good night's rest, plenty of fluids, healthy snacks, and frequent washing of hands. As a bonus, these habits also help kids stay focused and energized in the classroom. Remember that if your kid has fever, they need to stay home and be fever free for 24 hours.

3. Class Christmas party- Dec 18 and 19th. The class is doing a Secret Santa (\$25 maximum), building gingerbread houses, and having a nacho party!! Please send in boxes of graham crackers, powdered sugar, plus the party item they signed up for. Thanks!!

4. Graduation Attire. It's time to start looking for graduation outfits. Please ensure that attire is semi-formal. Dresses should have adequate coverage, straps, and be about knee length or longer. Keep in mind, graduation will be outside and students will be walking on the track.

5. Slideshow Photos. Please start thinking about collecting **ten**, **individual** photos for the 8th grade slideshow, a presentation we show on graduation night. When you have your **ten** photos, please email them to me at ismith@dcesd.org. Highly recommended: make sure your teen likes the photos you chose before sending them, and do not send more than ten! Deadline for submission is in March.

Virtue of the Month:

PATIENCE

"Patience is the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset."

- Oxford Dictionary

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about your child and their progress, please feel free to contact me at 623-6350 (before or after school hours).

Mrs. Smith can also be reached at ismith@dcesd.org.



Be sure to show school spirit by wearing green every Wednesday