

8 GREEN NEWSLETTER

“IF IT DOESN'T CHALLENGE YOU, IT DOESN'T CHANGE YOU”



8 Green is Hosting “Watch Me Learn”

Students are excited to display their work and show you the learning process in Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies and Foreign Language! We invite you to join us to see what a typical day looks like on 8 Green!

When: April 8th
10:15 - 11:15

Where:
Oak Middle School
8 Green Classrooms



Social Studies

We will be performing our interactive dramatizations of life in Medieval Towns this week. The students have done a wonderful job with the planning, organizing, script writing and creation of props to bring their learning to life. In previous weeks we took a

walking tour of Medieval Europe to highlight the important role the Catholic Church played in shaping daily life during the Middle Ages. We will culminate our study of the Middle Ages with a unit on the decline of feudalism.



Wheel of Theodorus Art Projects in Math!



MATH CLASS

The students did a fantastic job on their Wheels. Some of our top wheels are displayed above. We have many creative students on team with unbelievable artistic ability! Amazing to see what little right triangles can create.

We are now finishing up our unit on geometric transformations. We learned how to translate, reflect, rotate and dilate different polygons on the coordinate grid. We also studied the difference between congruency and similarity. Our unit test is on THURSDAY March 17th!

Coming Next...We will study systems of simultaneous linear equations and learn how this is useful in the business world!

ELA

We are well into our third unit of the year: Science Fiction. Students have been enjoying and analyzing what it means to be human in either Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury or The Giver by Lois Lowry. They recently explored an assigned character through textual evidence, close read an important passage, and completed the unit's first literary analysis based on the setting and the theme of their novel thus far. Students will be very excited to learn that we will be working on a narrative piece in this unit as well.

TEAM BUILDING: 8 GREEN GAME DAY



SCIENCE CLASS



Students just finished a unit on motion. They completed motion projects where they could move, dance, walk, skip, dance in front of a motion detector.



Coming up Next... Students will start a unit on Energy. The students will be learning about the different forms of energy and the law of conservation of energy. We will be focusing on roller coasters and all of the energy transformations involved.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

This month we studied how to change sentences from active to passive. Students created screencasts using the apps ExplainEverything or Educreations to demonstrate understanding. It was great to see the students grasp the subtle difference between sentences such as "I made a mistake" and "A mistake was made." Working on their iPads gave students a chance to add creativity to our study of

grammar. We will round out the month looking at vocabulary associated with St. Patrick's Day and the coming season of spring



Game Options:

Ping Pong

Chess

Monopoly

Pugopoly

Card Games

CELL PHONE SAFETY



The number of teens with cell phones, particularly smart phones, as increased significantly in the last few years. We encourage you to have open conversations with your child about cell phone safety. Conversations around using social media apps and the camera feature appropriately would be valuable. Please see this link if you are looking for suggestions.

<http://cyberbullying.org/Top-Ten-Teen-Tips-Cell-Phones.pdf>