



December

**Science** – Eighth grade just finished their first unit in our new Science curriculum textbook. These tests with our new curriculum are very different from the type of tests that have previously been administered with the old curriculum. They require students to apply, analyze or do science with the information they have learned from the unit. Our next unit will be over Energy Transfer.

**Math** – Eighth graders are continuing their study on slope. They will finish and test on the chapter before Christmas. They will also have 3 more Wednesday quizzes. Please remind them to study and do their best.

**Social Studies** – We are just finishing Westward Expansion. We will now move on to the events leading up to the Civil War and the 1860 election of Abraham Lincoln.

**Language Arts** – We are going to focus on the close reading of short Christmas stories during this month. We will focus on the literary devices that the authors use.

## News and Information

**Christmas Program** – Thursday, December 12th – Students need to be at the high school this evening by 6:15.

**Santa's Shop** – December 18th. 8th grade will wrap gifts for all of the classes after they finish their shopping.

**Canned Food Drive** – In lieu of a gift exchange, please bring your non-perishable food donations by December 18th.

**Christmas Parties** – The class Christmas parties will be on December 20th at 8:15. The following people are signed up to bring things:

**Addison** – Drinks

**Nate** – Cups, Plates, Silverware

**Dallas** – Treats

**Ellie** – Treats

**Hayden** – Treats

**Remember** – You can always bring treats, even if you are not signed up to do so.

**Cue Party** – We are tentatively planning our next Cue Party for January 8th at the Cinergy Escape Room in Tulsa.