



December

Science – 8th grade will be starting a new unit on the properties of matter.

Math – We are working on slope and how to figure slope.

Social Studies – We are working through our Westward Expansion unit soon. We are focusing on the impact Manifest Destiny had on multiple different people groups.

Language Arts – We are going to focus on the close reading of short Christmas stories during this month. We will focus on characterization, literary devices, and figurative language. Novel #5 is due Dec. 15th.

News and Information

Canned Food Drive – We will be gathering non-perishable food items to donate to local needy families. We do this in place of a gift exchange. This teaches our children the importance of helping others in need. If you would like to help, please send new, unopened items such as canned goods; nonperishable foods such as cereal, instant potatoes, and spaghetti; personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, and conditioner; or laundry items such as detergent. Please send these to the school by December 17th, so that we can sort them into the appropriate boxes for each family. Thank you in advance for your child's participation. We currently have several families "adopted." Thank you to the ECO's, Pleasant View Church, and other generous donors.

Christmas Parties – The class Christmas parties will be on December 18th at 8:00. The following people are signed up to bring things:

Drinks & Cups – Kaylin McCoy

Plates & Silverware – Vinny Mullin

Treats – Owen O'Brien

Treats – Mike Pryor

Treats – Elysian Reeder

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

Also, if you aren't going to be able to send items for any reason, please let me know ahead of time.