



Ms. Knowles October 2020 News....

September was a great start to the year, and October is ready with plenty to learn!

In **ELA** we are studying grammar. Students previously reviewed basic conventions of the English language such as capitalization and punctuation, and currently they are learning about sentence structure. As the month continues, we are going to apply this knowledge to our study of paragraph structure and types of writing such as expository, descriptive, persuasive and narrative. Students will craft strong topic sentences and support their ideas with relevant details.

In **Math** we are reviewing past concepts, like Greatest Common Factor, while learning new ones; such as dividing with fractions. Students will fluently multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers. Later this month we will use these skills to solve multi-step word problems with fractions and decimals.

In **Science**, we are continuing our study of matter and how it can change from one state to another. We will use this knowledge to explore energy, motion, force and work. Students will expand their understanding of kinetic and potential energy through investigations, and see first-hand that energy, like mass, can be neither created nor destroyed.

In **Social Studies** we are using our knowledge of geography to determine where prehistoric groups of people would settle down as they transition from a nomadic to a sedentary lifestyle. We will examine The Cradle of Civilization, Mesopotamia; to identify the aspects of society that truly make a group of people an advanced civilization. We will learn about the government, religion, writing system, economic system, social structure and technology of river valley civilizations.

In **Religion**, we are continuing our exploration of the stories of the Old Testament. We are examining bible stories and understanding they are God's Divine Revelation- His word given to the authors as Divine Inspiration.

