



February has made quite an entrance! Catholic Schools Week may have been cut a bit short, but we are still having a blast with the games, charity events, and door decorating (see pictures of our three doors on the math/homeroom google classroom!).

As this month is Black History Month and Women's History Month, we will be learning about notable figures in American and World history in all subjects. We are also teaming up with the seventh and eighth graders to create an art banner for the hallway that emphasizes many influential figures.

In ELA, we are drawing to a close on our "childhood" unit. Students are finishing up the novel *Fish in a Tree*, and will be comparing it to other texts with a similar theme in a multi-paragraph essay. Everyone has been doing an excellent job using text evidence to support claims, and they will continue strengthening this skill throughout the coming units. Our next unit will focus on justice and injustice. We will be reading many short stories, informational texts, and poems that fit this theme; as well as the novel *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry*.

In Math, students are applying their understanding of algebraic equations to the study of inequalities. We will be using symbols to write inequalities that represent mathematical and real-world situations, and then representing these values on a number line. Near the end of this month students will be analyzing the relationship between independent and dependent variables using tables and graphs.

Science holds many new opportunities this month as we leave energy behind and move on to Earth's Systems. Students will explore the four major spheres of Earth, with an emphasis on how they interact with each other. This will culminate in a report about the effects of wildfires, and possible solutions to this, and other, natural disasters.

In Social Studies, we are beginning our study of Ancient Chinese civilizations. This will start with the geography of China, and move into an analysis of the culture and legacy of this early civilization.

In religion, students are learning about the legacy of King David and Solomon. We are continuing our study of the Old Testament as well as focusing on how to love one another and spread the word of God during this, and all, months.