



In **ELA** this month we will be analyzing the classic novel *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry*. We will be learning and discussing important social issues like prejudice, racism and inequality. As we read, students will be learning about important literary concepts such as *characterization*, *conflict*, and *theme*.

In **Math** this month, we are drawing to a close on our algebraic equations and inequalities unit. Currently, students are working on finding patterns in tables. We will apply this skill to graphing equations and inequalities based on data sets. Next, we will begin comparing two quantities using ratios and rates. Students will write these quantities in a variety of ways, and represent them using bar diagrams and double number line diagrams.

In **Religion**, students are continuing to learn how to research, take notes, and outline a biography on an influential Black American. Soon, they will be compiling the information they gathered into an insightful research paper, as well as a poster, to present to the class.

In **Social Studies**, we are continuing our study of ancient China. Students will learn about the main characteristics of civilization that developed along the Yellow River Valley. We are almost done with our River Valley Civilizations study, and are working towards a project that compares and contrasts the societies we have studied.

In **Science** we are learning the four spheres of earth: geosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere and atmosphere. Students will become familiar with the functions of each, and how they interact. We will practice reading graphs, gathering data to create graphs, and engaging in scientific arguments based on evidence. Students are working towards a report on how natural disasters impact all spheres of Earth.

This 6th grade class continues to amaze me with their insight, curiosity, and hard work. I am looking forward to another month full of learning!