

# GRADE 8 BLUE HOUSE

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



### ENGLISH

In class, we've been discussing how authors create suspense in short stories and considering how different points of view can impact a text. Students have been familiarizing themselves with our curriculum platform, CommonLit, and we've completed the first two benchmark assessments.

### MATH

Students started the year investigating translations, rotations, and reflections, and using these transformations to make informal arguments about congruence. They also explored angle relationships on parallel lines and the triangle sum theorem. Currently, students are studying dilations and similar figures.



### SCIENCE

We've been learning about factors that influence weather and climate, globally and locally. Currently, we're learning how to read weather maps and make predictions based on weather data.

### CIVICS

We have completed Topic 2: American Politics & Media Literacy. Next, we'll be looking at The Philosophical Roots of the U.S. political system. Simultaneously, we'll be learning and exploring the midterm elections both locally and nationally.



### SPANISH

Students are presented with input through storytelling, followed by activities that reinforce and personalize the language. We will continue to build on this foundation to increase vocabulary with more comprehensible input. Ask your student about the stories they have created with their class during story asking. They have some very creative ideas!

### REMINDERS

- Term 1 will end on November 10. Please be sure to check PowerSchool regularly.
- No school on November 11.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out with an email.

