

THE SEAHAWKS TEAM

MARKING PERIOD ONE 2011 GRADE 7

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

MRS. CHAPTER

As the first month of school unfolded, we realized that *Social Studies* class is more than learning only about history. From discussions on 9/11, to the D.A.T.E. program and disability awareness, and including an anti-bullying campaign, we are beginning to understand how we all are socially responsible individuals. Our skills of journal writing, and open-ended responses are an integral part of our learning. I have enjoyed the collaborative nature of our class discussions on issues and the role-playing the students have displayed. Starting now and continuing throughout the year, we learn and use mapping skills and focus on geography to better connect with areas of study.



Disability Awareness Through Education
Presenters: Chuck Martinez, Tom Spadaro, Ellen Spadaro, Helen Springer and "Spicey"

For the next two months, we will journey to the ancient world, and question the role of religion in history as we embark on an interdisciplinary project which will culminate with our annual **Traditions and Celebrations Breakfast** on December 9th with the students and their grand relatives! Enjoy the holidays!

September Students of the Month

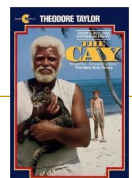
*Tyler Bronman *William Gallagher *Holden Lewis *Shannon Mathis

*Alicia Rossiter *Kaitlin Spaschak * Kristian Terzian

SOARING HIGH...IN LANGUAGE ARTS

The Seahawks are off and soaring in English! The students learned some of the difficulties of communicating their first day in English in September, as they had to work as a group to alphabetize themselves into seats...with the exception that they were NOT allowed to talk or write! They discovered right away how to problem solve and work together to learn and achieve in English. The first marking period was a busy one, as students completed the Gates Reading Test and a written memoir, which provided me with a "snapshot" of their initial reading and writing skills. These benchmarks will help students to see their improvement as we progress through the year and into their 8th grade year. Much of our focus thus far has centered on the reading – the importance of reading as much as possible to develop more speed in reading and the strengthening of reading comprehension through our extended discussions of reading selections in class. As we edge into the 2nd marking period, we will continue with reading and begin to address writing skills using the "Six-Traits Writing" approach, where students will learn the six essential components that comprise effective writing. The Seahawks are off to a GREAT start this year -- they are great kids and a lot of fun to have in class, too!

~ MR. COOPER





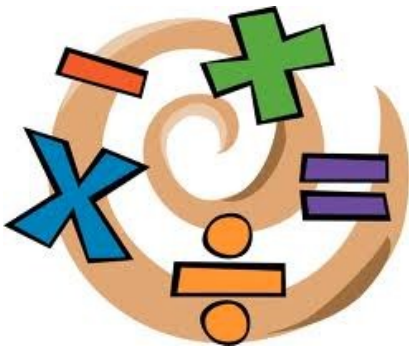
WEIGHING IN ON SCIENCE

MRS. CALDERWOOD

GREETINGS

FROM GUIDANCE

My constant advice to all SEAHAWKS will always be to stay organized by completing all of your homework, keeping an accurate daily agenda book, checking the HW webpage, and keeping track of your papers and notebooks in a neat and organized locker. Throw in a good study session and you're golden! Oh yeah, if you haven't gotten involved in an after school activity, but want to, and don't know what to do...SEE ME! Some advise for 2nd marking period: Stay ahead of deadlines and don't put off any of your work, and you'll be just fine! Come by and see me anytime—make an appointment in homeroom by filling out the yellow guidance slip, and I will be sure to call you down for a chat.
(Bring donuts!)



During the 1st marking period in Science we discuss several of the basic procedures that scientists use. First we discussed safety in the laboratory and why it is important to follow all safety rules. The students were also taught to identify safety hazards that could occur during lab experiments. During next unit students learned how scientists measure different characteristics of an object when collecting data. They learned how to use various pieces of laboratory equipment such as a graduated cylinder, metric ruler, and a triple beam balance. We then discussed the steps of the scientific method and how it is useful during an experiment. The last topic we discussed was chemistry which involves defining matter and identifying the characteristics of matter.

Through Science class all of the students participated in Media Center orientation. During this orientation, the students were shown what resources are available to them in the Media Center. They learned how the library was set up, how to use the card catalog, and how to access Southern's many databases. While completing orientation, the students were assigned a research project on a famous scientist. This project allowed the students to see the various backgrounds and accomplishments of some of the most influential scientists of our time.

Looking ahead to the second marking period we will continue to study chemistry; moving on to the structure of an atom, the elements and the periodic table, as well as the interactions of matter. And towards the end of the second marking period we will begin our studies of Life Science.

ENTHUSIASM TIMES TEN! MRS. SICOLI

It has been a great start to a wonderful new school year with excited and enthusiastic students ready to learn Math. First marking period in Math we started out with order of operations and using the acronym "Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally" to solve problems correctly. We then went into adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing Integers and accomplish this by constantly singing the jingle, "Same signs add, different signs subtract, take sign of larger number." When we finally finished all operations, integers and evaluating expressions, we started on graphing with the coordinate plane and scatter plots.

The students have done a great job handing in their weekly Take-home Tests. In our advanced classes we have completed all of the above as well as one and two-step equation solving. The students are off to a great start on preparing for Algebra I next year. Keep up the great work!!

October Students of the Month

- Mckayla Conway * Andrew Corbin * Mckenna Ferraro
- John Loftus *Haley Sprague *Josh Zilber