

Welcome to 8 Blue!

- ELA Ms. Kate Lewis
- Learning Skills Ms. D'Arcy McCarthy
- Math Ms. Jill Carlin
- Science Ms. Stacey Militello
- Social Studies Ms. Natalie Amaral



Team Building

- Teamworks
- School spirit days and activities
- Student run team meetings



Schoology - App or online at: lms.shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

- Parent Instructions
- “8 Blue Team” page has homework posted by a student each night
- Check Schoology for course information and upcoming assessments

8 Blue Blog

- Stay up to date with what's happening on 8 Blue:
<http://8blueblog.weebly.com/>
- Team news, student work, core class updates, & more!

Conference Day

Tuesday, November 8

- Open House 8:00-9:00 am
- We will be in contact with some parents for the rest of the conferences.
- More details coming soon :)

English Language Arts

Standards ~ Increased Depth and Sophistication

- Reads and comprehends a variety of grade level texts
- Analyzes the elements of literature to demonstrate comprehension
- Writes with focus, organization and supporting details
- Uses standard English conventions in writing, revising and editing
- Applies research skills (T3)

English Language Arts ~ Goals



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STUDY SKILLS



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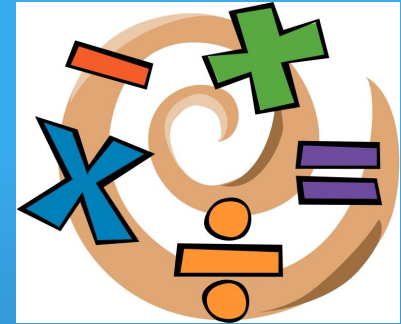


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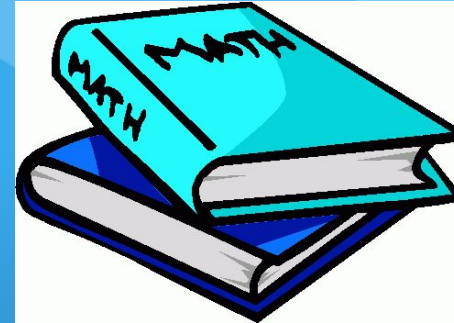
Ms. Carlin



We are a Community of Learners!

- Be respectful
- Come prepared
- Ask questions
- Have a positive attitude

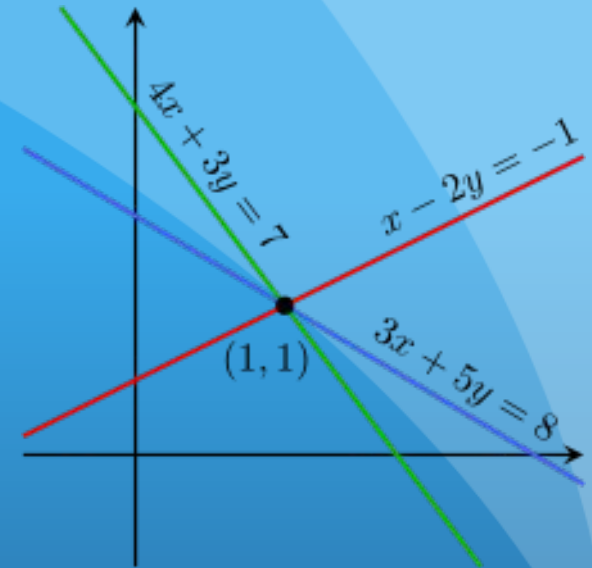
Math



- Algebra and Geometry - More abstract math concepts
- Focus on discovery learning and thinking
- Active Learning - We DO the math and EXPLAIN our thinking.
- Real world connections - Connected Math Program 3

Math

- Homework - daily practice
- Standards-based grading
- Goals this year - develop critical thinking skills, explain how to solve problems, & preparation for high school



Science with Mrs. Militello

Focus Areas

- Matter and Chemistry
- Physics (Motion and Energy)
- Science Inquiry



Typical Agenda for Science Class

- Science Journal
- Science Today
- Homework
- Science Songs
- Class Activity with a Clock Buddy
- Summarizer



Open Inquiry

- Investigative Question
- Developing a Procedure
- Collecting Evidence
- Drawing Conclusions
- Explaining their reasoning
- Communicating their findings.



Learning Skills

Opportunity for Students to get the support they need to become confident and independent learners.

Focus areas during class include:

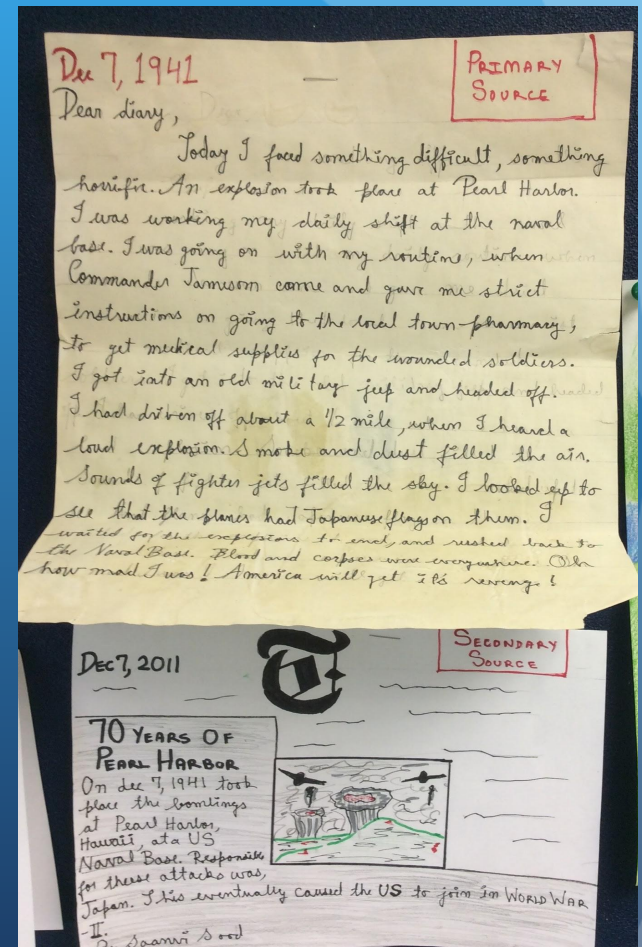
- Organization
- Compensatory strategies
- Test prep activities
- Homework support
- Preview and review of new concepts
- Time management

I am available for extra help on Mondays and Wednesdays for those students who would like additional support with homework or projects.

Social Studies - World History I

753 BCE - 16th Century CE

- **Trimester I** : What is history and how do we study it?
Roman Empire, Byzantine Empire
- **Trimester II**: Islam (Empire, Legacies, & Current Events), Medieval Europe
- **Trimester III**: Renaissance & Reformation, Age of Exploration



Social Studies Goals

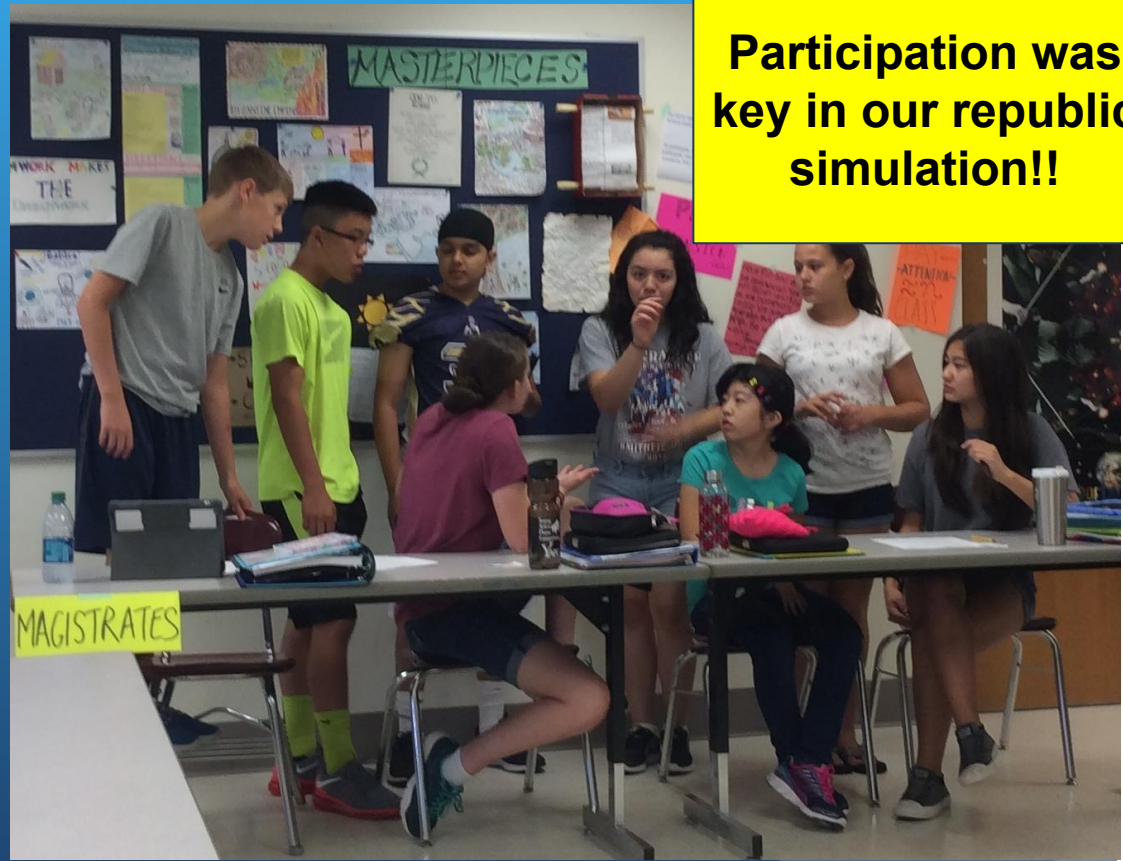
- What is the BIG PICTURE of history?
- Critical Thinking Skills!
Less memorization,
more analysis of cause
and effect
- Typical day in SS



**Jack & Ashleigh
determining the pros and
cons of Rome's location.**

Success in SS

- Participation in class discussions
- work collaboratively with peers - even the ones you don't know yet
- be Batman, not Superman!



Participation was key in our republic simulation!!

Now what?

- You are welcome back to the 8 Blue classrooms to read a letter from your son/daughter on their desks in homeroom. Please write back to your son/daughter!
- Also, visit foreign language and allied arts classrooms!

Homerooms:

Almonte-Hernandez - Dhanpal ~ Ms. Carlin 422

Domar-Nelson - Le ~ Ms. Militello 429

Le - Pathak ~ Ms. Amaral 426

Pathirana - Yatim ~ Ms. Lewis 423