

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
- ESL Ms. Mary Ellen Beaton



Team Homework Policy

Team Building

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



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

- Parent Instructions
- Homework as assignments with due dates & posted in classrooms
- 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

Thursday, November 9

- 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 ~ Goals



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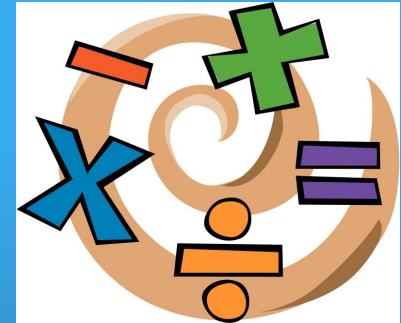
How to help your child with ELA

- Read the books
- To help with writing:
 - point out trends, don't fix mistakes
 - have them read it out loud to you
 - encourage them to use online editing tools



MATH

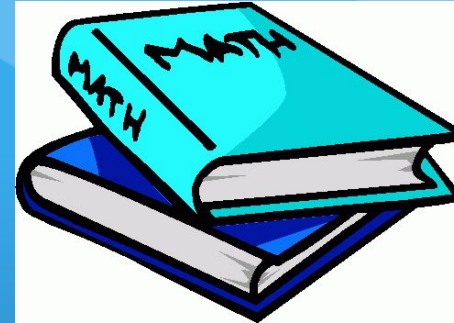
Ms. Carlin



We are a Community of Learners!

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

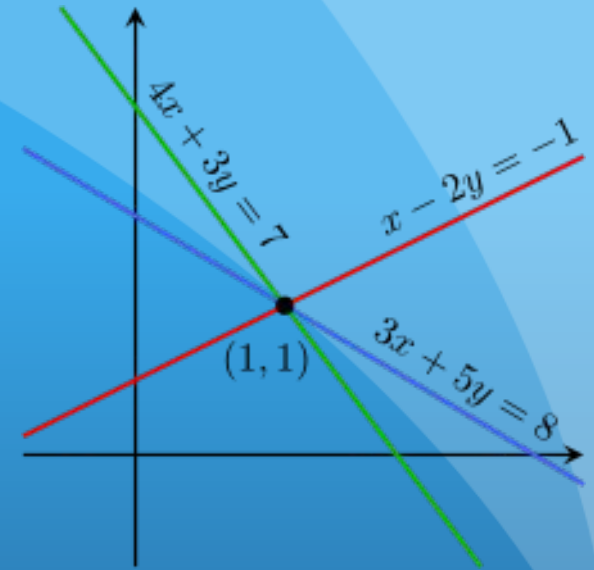
Math



- Algebra and Geometry - More abstract math concepts
- 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

- Physics (Motion, Forces, and Energy)
- Matter & Chemistry
- Climate Change

Focus on Science Practices -
how science is used/applied



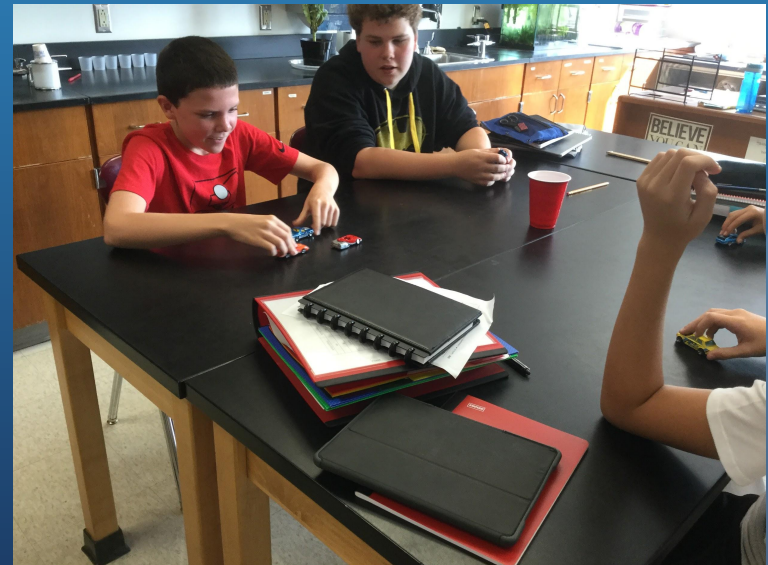
Grading in Science

Report Card Standards

- Effectively communicates scientific information & supports claims using evidence.
- Asks questions & conducts investigations to explore the natural world
- Observes patterns & relationships in data to develop explanations and models.

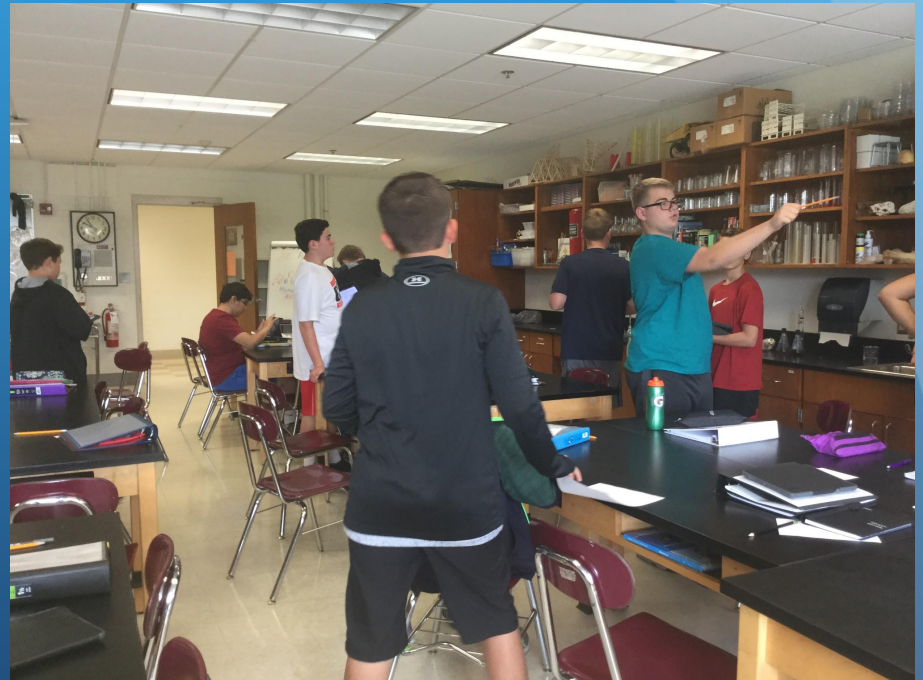
Work that is Graded

- Labs - Reports & Conclusions
- Research/Projects
- Open Response Questions



Typical Agenda for Science Class

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



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**: Islamic Empire, Legacies & Current Events, Medieval Europe
- **Trimester III**: Renaissance & Reformation, Age of Exploration

Social Studies Goals

- What is the **BIG PICTURE** of history?
- How do the **past and present** connect?
- **Working together** to solve real world problems
- **Critical Thinking Skills!** Less memorization, more analysis of cause and effect

Participation was key in forming battle plans for Rome & Carthage



English as a Second Language

- Our ELLs at Oak speak Farsi, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Nepalese, Tagalog, Thai, German, Hindi, Japanese and Spanish.
- Focus on building academic vocabulary, improving grammar, reading comprehension and writing skills in English. Also study idioms in English and topics in American culture, such as holidays.
- Provide support for the content classes by reviewing material, practicing vocabulary, and reinforcing concepts from those classes.

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:

Adams - Da Rocha Campos ~ Ms. Carlin 422

Dubois - Lu ~ Ms. Militello 429

Malo - Pinho ~ Ms. Amaral 426

Pontes-Toledo - Zheng ~ Ms. Lewis 423