

# 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

# Homework Completion

- Homework Amount
  - see blog for more information
- Project Block Monday-Thursday
  - Independent Reading
  - Time to work on homework, group projects, extra help, re-takes, checking in after an absence, etc.
- “20 minute Rule”
  - on average, students should not be spending more than 20 min per subject per night
  - student should e-mail the teacher if struggling

# Schoology - App or online at: [lms.shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](https://lms.shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

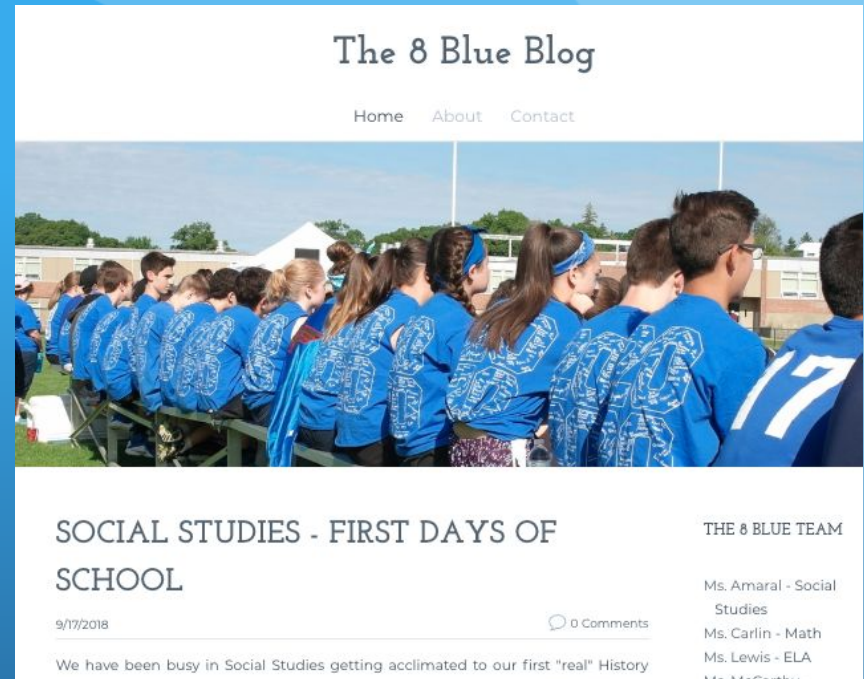
- Parent Instructions
- Homework as assignments with due dates & posted in classrooms
- Check Schoology calendar for due dates, assessments, & team events

# 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 6

- Open House 8:00-9:00 am
- We will be in contact with some parents for the rest of the conferences.
- If anyone needs an interpreter, please ask.
- More details coming soon :)

# Team Building

- Teamworks
  - Tuesday October 2
- School spirit days and activities
- Student run team meetings



# English Language Arts

- I'm sorry!
- [kmlewis@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:kmlewis@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)



# English Language Arts ~ Goals



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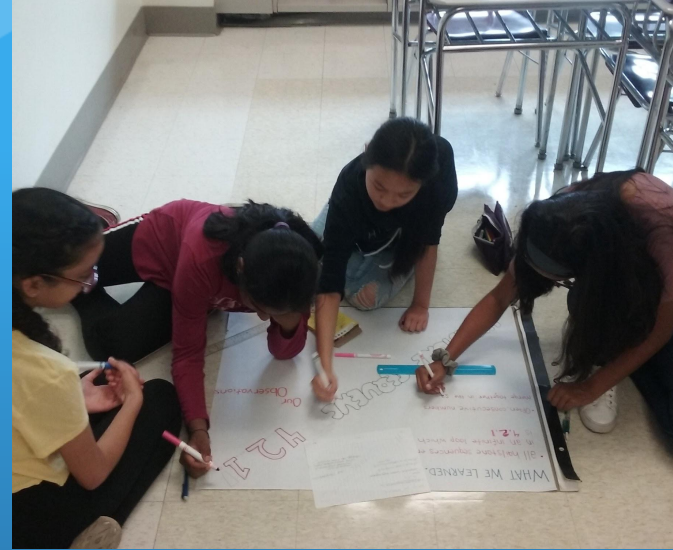
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# How to help your child with ELA

- 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

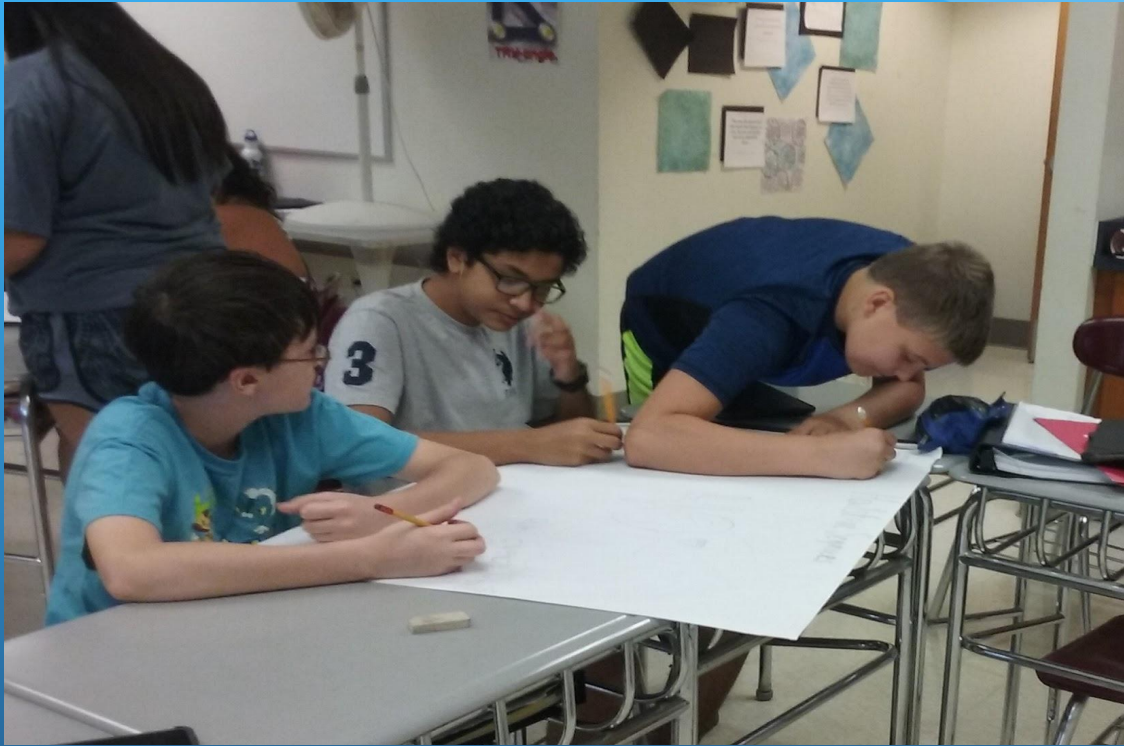


Everyone is a Math Person!

- Questions are really important
- Mistakes are valuable
- Everyone can learn math to the highest levels



# Math



- Algebra and Geometry - More abstract math concepts
- Active Learning - We DO the math and EXPLAIN our thinking.

# Math

- Homework - daily practice
- Standards-based grading
- Goals this year - develop critical thinking skills and make connections



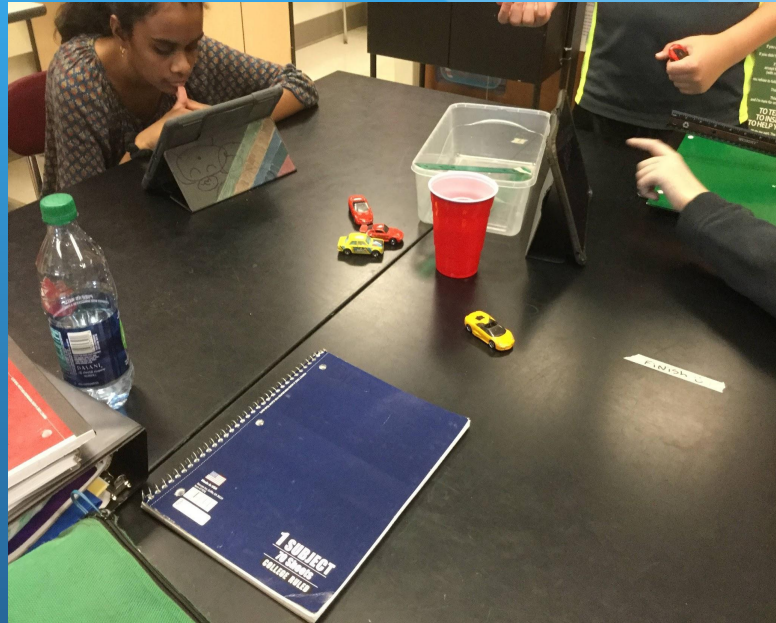
# Science with Mrs. Militello

## Focus Areas

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

Focus on Science Practices -  
how science is used/applied





# Grading in Science

## Report Card Standards

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- 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

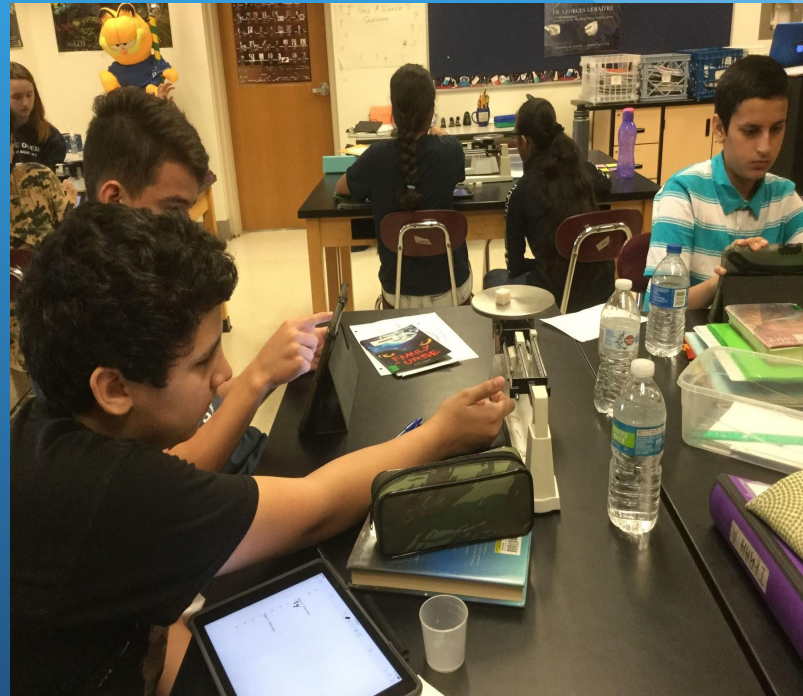
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- Labs - Procedures, Data & Conclusions
- Research/Projects
- Open Response Questions



# 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

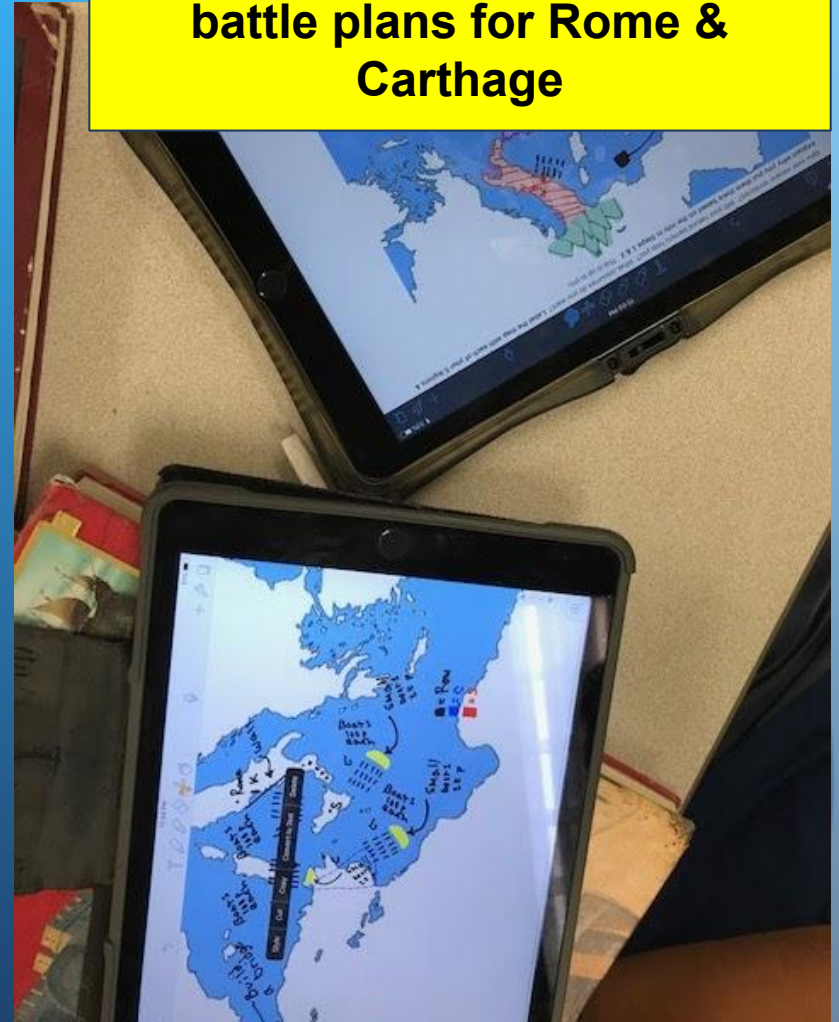
## Ms. Amaral

- **Topics:** Roman Empire, Byzantine Empire, Middle Ages - Medieval Europe & Middle East, Islamic Empire & Legacies, Renaissance & Reformation, Scientific Revolution, Age of Exploration
- **Common Themes:** How has the development of this area influenced our nation? What is the job of a leader? How does our world stay organized? How have people advocated for themselves throughout history? How can small events have a big impact?

# 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

**Creativity was key in forming battle plans for Rome & Carthage**



# English as a Second Language



- Our ELLs at Oak speak Farsi, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Urdu, Japanese, Russian, Turkish, Vietnamese 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:

Abdi - Damle, Peixoto~ Ms. Carlin 422

Das - Keeley, Njeri ~ Ms. Militello 429

Kent - Pano ~ Ms. Amaral 426

Pasupuleti - Warriar ~ Ms. Lewis 423