

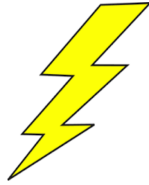
# West Middle School

## Team Lightning

### Newsletter



April 19, 2019



### Upcoming Events

- Apr. 23 - MAP Math Assessment (5th-8th Periods)
- Apr. 25 - MAP Reading Assessment (6th-8th Periods)
- May 3 - Wetlands Field Trip, 11:45 - 2:50
- May 16 - Nelson-Atkins Field Trip, 9:30 - 2:45

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### Other Sources for School News

- Twitter: West Middle School @WestWarhawks
- Facebook: POWW (Parents of West Warhawks)
- School Website: <https://www.usd497.org/Page/43>
- App: Download the West Middle School App on your mobile device

### English Language Arts

- We are using about half of our ELA class time for Battle of the Books. Students are required to read three books from the Battle List over a five week period, so you should (hopefully) see them reading quite a bit at home. This reading should be included on the weekly Home Reading Log!
- For writing this quarter, our focus is on learning and using Figurative Language techniques. These will be used in a variety of Poetry methods.
- Home Reading Logs due every Tuesday

### Math (Mrs. Brucker)

- **Math 6** (4th & 5th Hours) Students are currently working on Ch. 8 - Surface Area & Volume. In this unit students will learn to identify three-dimensional figures, find surface area of prisms and pyramids, and find volume of rectangular prisms. We will take two short quizzes with this chapter. The next quiz (Lessons 8.1-8.2) will be toward the end of next week.
- **Intro to Pre-Algebra** (6th Hour) Students in this class just started Ch. 8 from the Red textbook - Circles & Area. In this unit students will learn to use values of  $\pi$  to estimate and calculate the circumference and area of circles, and find perimeters and areas of composite two-dimensional figures, including semi-circles. There will be a test at the end of this chapter, but it probably won't be until the week of April 29.

### Science (Ms. Holaves)

- Students are learning about the stages of the water cycle.
- There will be a quiz on the water cycle vocabulary terms Monday. Students should be bringing these home this weekend to review. We will then begin to take a look at human impact on our environment.

### Social Studies (Mr. Karasek)

- We will do a quick overview of the Byzantine Empire to make sure and include our fifth major religion of the year - Islam. We have already learned the practices and beliefs of Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Christianity within their context of world history.
- Later next week we will begin our final unit - Chapter 14 Medieval Europe. We will approach this unit from a Project-Based Learning standpoint. Students will learn the material with a project in mind from the very beginning and put it all together at the end. It will be a small group activity throughout, but grades will be able to be individualized in order to ensure fairness of student contributions to the group.