



# Ms. Snell's Class Newsletter

## Week of September 3-6

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### DATES TO REMEMBER:



**National Hispanic Heritage Month**  
9/15-10/15

**Sept. 2**-Labor Day (no school),  
**Sept. 6**-Student Info Cards & WCPSS Handbook due,  
**Sept. 12**-Open House 6-8 pm,  
**Sept. 20**-Fall Family Picnic & Movie Night 6-9 pm,  
**Sept. 23**—First Quarter Interims Go Home,  
**Sept. 24**-PTA Out to Eat Night @ MOD Pizza,  
**Sept. 25**-Fall Picture Day,  
**Sept. 30**-Teacher Workday

### September Birthdays



Aidan F.-September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Vance R.-September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Azariah R.-September 25<sup>th</sup>

### Curriculum Corner:



#### **ELA: Module 1: Poetry, Poets, and Becoming Writers**

In Unit 1: Reading and Analyzing Famous Poems, the students are introduced to poetry through *Love That Dog*, a novel written in verse by Sharon Creech. We have already begun to establish our reading routine of the novel beginning with reading and summarizing the novel to determine what the main character Jack, is learning about poetry and begins to write his own poetry. Next, students will analyze one of the famous poems that Jack has read in his class to begin determining the characteristics of poetry.

#### **Math: Unit 1: Building a Mathematical Community Through Data**

This unit, which focuses on data, serves as a platform to help establish routines within the math community. We will work on building math community. Students will practice collaboration and math talk while forming questions and collecting and analyzing data. We will also work on fostering growth mindsets in which all students can be mathematicians and learn math at the highest levels. Nightly, math homework will begin this week. We will have our end of unit test on Friday. Feel free to check out the class website for resources to help with homework or just extra practice.

#### **STEM:**

We will continue to work on team-building activities learning about the Engineering Design Process and the different collaborative roles for teamwork. The students will be introduced to our classroom STEM stations that will be used during arrival/dismissal and periodically throughout the school day as well as setting up their student accounts and portfolio for Google Classroom.

### Important Notes:

Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to a great school year! We have spent the last week establishing routines and procedures, and setting up our class norms and expectations. We are working on building our classroom community through team-building activities that focus on Growth Mindsets & STEM. Students' Weekly Folders will be going home on Tuesday. Please check your child's folder for important information going home this week regarding class schedules, homework, and information regarding setting up student online resources for home use. In addition, I will be sending home Remind invites for you to link up with our class account for important reminders. A huge thank you who signed up to volunteer this year. More information about volunteer activities will be shared with you in the upcoming weeks. Just a reminder that if you wish to volunteer this school year, you must sign up and register via the WCPSS Volunteer Registration.