

# Gray Wolves Newsletter

West Creek Middle School

September 24, 2018

## Math Main Targets

I can identify the correct property.  
I can write numbers using exponents.  
I can evaluate exponents.  
I can use order of operations to evaluate expressions.  
I can simplify algebraic expression by combining like terms.

*Unit 2 Dividing Fractions Review has been posted in Google Classroom for students to complete by 9/28.*

## Science Main Target

I can construct an explanation of how heat causes changes in density and air pressure resulting in atmospheric convection.  
I can develop a model showing the movement of convection currents that flow due to the uneven heating of the Earth.  
I can construct an explanation of how the Coriolis Effect impacts wind patterns on Earth.

*Unit 2 Heat Transfer Review has been posted in Google Classroom for students to complete by 9/28.*



## Upcoming Assessments

Sept. 26 MA Quiz Unit 3  
Sept. 26 Performance Task #2 RLA  
Sept. 27 Geography Quiz: Nile River Valley  
Sept. 28 Atmospheric Convection Quiz  
Oct. 3: RLA CUA  
Oct. 3: Science Test  
Oct. 4: MA Unit 3 Common Assessment

## Important Dates

Sept. 28 High School Parade  
Oct. 2 Sixth Grade Band Concert  
Oct. 8-12 FALL BREAK!!  
Oct. 22 Report Cards

## Reading/Language Arts Main Targets

I can determine the roots of words from previous texts so that I can better understand the overall vocabulary.  
I can Analyze an Excerpt from Peter Pan - "When Wendy Grew Up" by J.M. Barrie focusing on character traits and the decisions they make.  
I can analyze a character's point of view to be able to determine how it shapes the plot of the story  
I can determine details of a text and how they support and develop the central idea.

We will be focusing on the text, "When Wendy Grew Up" by J.M. Barrie and focusing on the targets above to develop our skills in Reading and Language Arts  
We will complete Performance Task #2 On the Text, "Drive In Movies" by Gary Soto. Students will be able to utilize reference materials for this task. ***It will be an Assessment in the Gradebook.***

## Social Studies Main Targets

We will begin a new unit in Social Studies on Ancient Egypt.

I can identify location of the Ancient Egypt on a Map.  
I can recognize the geographical reasons for Egyptians settling in the Nile River Valley.  
I can analyze the effects that the Nile River had on the development of Ancient Egypt.  
I can explain religious beliefs, traditions and practices of the Ancient Egyptians.

## Table Talk

\*How does Open Lunch work on the Gray Wolves Team this year? How often is this offered?  
\*Have you ever been to Open Lunch with Ms. Smith to communicate your needs or to clarify on something that perhaps is confusing?  
\*Have you been on Google Classroom at home? Your child has resources for all classes on this site that can be used to help them study.  
\*Please talk to your children about good ways to manage their stress and anxiety as many students have communicated that they often feel stressed about school demands/tests/absences/tests/etc.  
*One technique used in RLA/SS is taking several cleansing breaths and positive thinking about ourselves before testing.*  
*What ways can you help your child to handle the stressors of middle school?*