



Crossroads School Eighth Grade Newsletter

Parent – Teacher Connection

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Overview of Eighth Grade STAR Results in Reading

Strengths: Students in eighth grade excel in using context to determine word meanings.

Opportunities for Growth: Students need additional support in summarizing informational text.

Building our Superpower

In the Classroom:

Students will be practicing identifying and explaining narrative elements through whole-group, small-group, and independent activities.

At Home:

Parents can encourage students to read a choice text (fiction or non-fiction) every night, and ask questions about their reading to encourage deeper understanding of the text. Parents can also encourage students to practice grammar/ writing skills on iXL.

Curriculum Corner

Science: We will be reviewing 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science in preparation for the Science 8 SOL on May 30th. We will end the year with short units on Light, Sound, Electricity & Magnetism, and a preview of some HS material.

Writing: We will continue to develop our skills in varying sentence structure by using conjunctions and transitions.

Pre-Algebra: We are reviewing all math standards in preparation for the SOL on May 25th. After the SOL, we will expand on the 8th grade curriculum and preview math standards for next year.

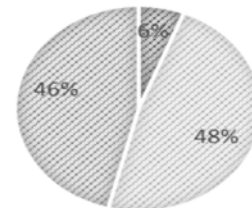
Algebra: We will review all math standards in preparation for the SOL on May 25th. After the SOL, we will preview math standards for next year.

Reading: We will be focusing on synthesizing and retelling fiction and non-fiction texts. Students will also be practicing summarizing and identifying main ideas in preparation for the reading SOL on May 18th.



8TH GRADE STAR READING- APRIL

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Important Dates

May 18th- Reading SOL Test

May 23rd— 8th Grade Prom

May 25th— Math SOL Test

May 30th— Science 8 SOL Test

June 11th— 8th Grade Promotional Ceremony