

# Seventh Grade Newsletter

## May 24th-June 4th, 2021



### Upcoming Events

5/21 - Camp Lael permission slip due

6/4 - Camp Lael

6/11 - Middle School Tribal Wars (Olympics)

6/14 - Bike Trip (local biking day; permission slip coming soon)

6/15 - ½ Day (Last day of school; 7th grade Math exam)

### Curriculum Notes

**ELA:** Students are continuing in their E.L. Konigsburg author study. They will be completing their study through Wednesday, June 9th. We conclude the study through an activity on Thursday, June 10th. In writing, students are reading articles and collecting evidence for their problem-solution essay. They will complete an organizer that leads them step-by-step through the process, then type their paper. Next, they will peer-review each other's essays, looking for clear ideas and effective evidence. Feel free to discuss their topic with them; it is helpful to them to have to express their ideas clearly.

**Social Studies:** Students have started learning about the continent of Africa. They will be studying the physical geography and early history of Africa, including Africa's geographic extremes and the theory of human beginnings on the continent of Africa. Next, they will explore Egypt and north Africa, including Ancient Egypt, Modern Egypt, pyramids, pharaohs, and Sudan.

**Science:** Student teams are designing and building their penguin houses this week. Later we will test them and collect data about each house's effectiveness, then redesign and retest. We will review the different methods of heat transfer prior to taking the test.

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