

Welcome to Curriculum Night



Team Puma 2023-2024



Colors:

Blue-White-Black- Grey

Daily Schedule

2023-2024 Drake Middle School Master Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:10-8:30 20 min.	HMRM AM	HMRM AM	HMRM AM	HMRM AM	HMRM AM
8:33-9:27 54 min.	A ₁ Cosmic Cats	B ₂ Panthers	C ₃ Tigers	D ₅ Lions	E ₆ Leopards
9:30-10:24 54 min.	B ₂ Panthers	C ₃ Tigers	D ₅ Lions	E ₆ Leopards	A ₁ Cosmic Cats
10:27-11:21 54 min.	C ₃ Tigers	D ₅ Lions	E ₆ Leopards	A ₁ Cosmic Cats	B ₂ Panthers
11:24-11:54 30 min.	WIN	WIN	Advisory	WIN	WIN
11:57-1:30 93 min.	SL ₄ Pumas	SL ₄ Pumas	SL ₄ Pumas	SL ₄ Pumas	SL ₄ Pumas
1:33-2:27 54 min.	D ₅ Lions	E ₆ Leopards	A ₁ Cosmic Cats	B ₂ Panthers	C ₃ Tigers
2:30-3:24 54 min.	E ₆ Leopards	A ₁ Cosmic Cats	B ₂ Panthers	C ₃ Tigers	D ₅ Lions
3:27-3:30 3 min.	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM

Clever, Schoology,
Powerschools, SAVVAS
OH MY!!!!

**The most important thing
to remember-GO THROUGH
THE ACS WEBSITE!**

Stay Informed with Board Meetings

Previous minutes from past Board of Education meetings are posted on each agenda for board approval.

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Upcoming Events

[📅 Sep 12](#)
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
School Board Meeting

[View Calendar +](#)

Puma Press

WEEK OF:

August 30-September 3

TEAM PUMA

classroom news



We Are Learning:

- Math – We will be multiplying and dividing fractions this week.
- Language Arts – Genre test this week! We will also begin our Elements of Fiction Unit. Part one focuses on plot, setting, and conflict.
- Social Studies – We will complete our study of Industrialization and move into Chapter 5: Immigrants and Urban Life.
- Science – We will be investigating different types of storms. Bell Ringer Quiz Friday.

EXPLORATORY:

We are finishing up our digital vision boards this week and starting typing. I hope to start presenting completed vision boards by the end of the week!

Important Dates/Reminders:

- August 31st – Curriculum Night
- LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – September 6th
- Camp ASCCA – September 9th
*Turn in permission forms!
- Midterm Progress Reports – September 9th
- PTO Restaurant Night TCBY – Tuesday, September 14th
- Fall PTO Meeting and Family Pizza Night – Monday, October 4th
- Fall School Pictures- Wednesday, October 13

Announcements:

- Don't forget to wear your team T-shirt every Thursday! Let's show our team spirit!
- Camp ASCCA payments should be made through My School Bucks.
- WE NEED SNACKS AND WATER FOR CAMP ASCCA!!!
- Don't wait to purchase your yearbook! Price will increase to \$35 Tuesday, September 7! Secure your copy for \$30 today!
- Check Schoology for each course!

Student Identification Badges

ID Badges that are damaged, lost, or that have been altered in any way will result in students having to purchase a new badge for \$5.00; cord \$2.00; pouch \$1.00; lanyard set \$8.00.

Disciplinary consequences for students not having their Identification Badge are as follows:

- 1st Offense – warning and temporary badge issued
- 2nd Offense – student serves one (1) day of silent lunch (*counts in our discipline plan*)
- 3rd Offense – student serves two (2) days of silent lunch and administrative conference (*counts in our discipline plan*)
- 4th Offense – student serves one (1) day in after-school detention
- 5th Offense and subsequent offenses – student serves two (2) days of after-school detention up to an ISS Placemen

Student iPads

- Each student will have daily use of an iPad.
- You will have an iPad assigned to you, and you will have access to that specific device during school hours each day
- iPads will be stored in your homeroom class.
- You will not take your assigned iPad home.

DMS/PBS Discipline Procedures

Discipline:

- ★ Discipline Points- 100 points each semester
- ★ Follow team/DMS procedures
- ★ Teacher classroom procedures

PBIS bucks are part of our school-wide PBS (Positive Behavior Support) discipline program. PBIS. Bucks are awarded each week to students, mainly during homeroom, but may still be earned from ANY class up to the teacher's discretion. PBIS \$ can be earned by doing the following in homeroom:

- \$15 if the student has not received any silent lunches and detentions/referrals/ISS/suspensions that week
- \$10 if the student wears his/her team T-shirt on established days

PBIS Store – Students can cash in \$ for prizes, candy, etc.

Silent Lunch/Working Lunch

Silent Lunch

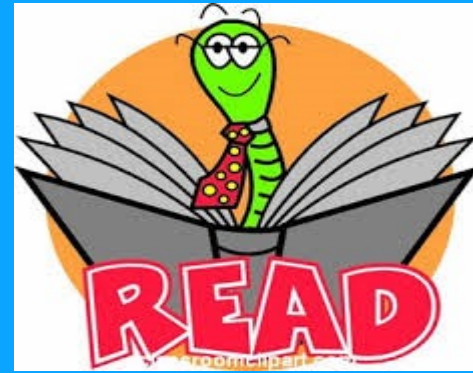
- Silent Lunch is earned for making poor decisions. Silent lunch is a last resort and warnings have already been given.
- Silent Lunch takes place in a classroom near the cafeteria. Students will eat silently and fill out a reflection paper to take home to be signed.

Working Lunch

- When students choose not to complete homework or class work assignments, they will earn a working lunch.
- Complete assignment during lunch silently
- Full Credit may not be given.



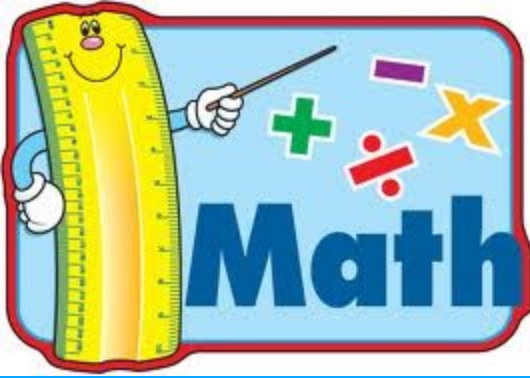
WIN – M, T, TH, F



This is a great time for students to catch up on classwork. They can use this time as a study hall. Students may go ask other teachers questions about work. The grade for this class will be reflected in the parent portal.

Advisory – Every Wednesday

- Student advisory is a program designed to ensure that every student at J.F. Drake Middle School is known by and feels comfortable talking to at least one faculty member about academic, social, or personal topics.
- Research shows that students transition through this developmental stage more smoothly when they are supported and guided by an adult.



Subject Information



Science

Mrs. Jones

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Science Units



1. Weather and Climate
2. Plate Tectonics
3. Sun-Earth-Moon System
4. Planets and Solar System



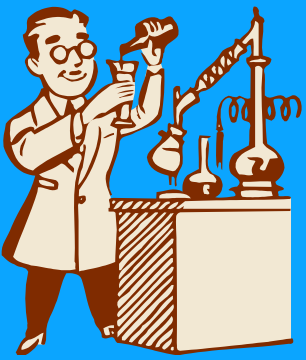
Science Materials

- Science/Social Studies Binder with Notes in the Binder
- Pencils and Colored Pencils/Crayons
- Black Sharpies
- Index Cards

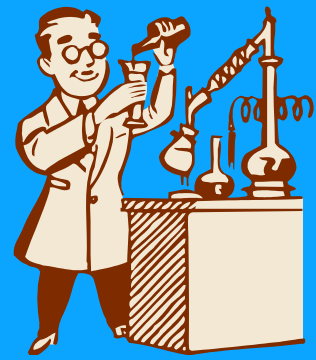
Science Extra Credit

+5 Points ON A TEST

- Flash cards, rewritten notes/study guides
- PowerPoint
- Quizlet, Kahoot, Blooket
- Anything to show what they did to study on their own besides the study guide
- It is due the day of the test.



Grading Policy



Classwork/Homework: 40%

Tests/Quizzes/Projects: 60%

Most science work will be done in class. All handouts, notes, and tests will be given back to students to place in their notebook. It is very important that they keep up with daily notes, assignments, and data!

SCIENCE REMIND

Please, sign up for
important updates for my
science class.

Text @dmsjones to 81010.

Social Studies: United States History

Mrs. Davis
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Content:

6Th Grade Social Studies at Drake follows the Alabama Course of Study and covers American history (late 1800's – present).

I will teach the following units:

- *Emergence of Modern America and WWI (late 1800s-1920s)
- *The Great Depression and WWII (1920s-1940s)
- *Postwar United States (1940s-1960s)
- *Contemporary United States (1970-Present)

Grading Procedures



Tests and Projects 60 %

Classwork 40 %

Textbook

United States History, Civil War to the Present

Materials

- 1 inch binder
- Pencils
- Loose leaf paper
- Index Cards
- Color Pencils





Historical Fiction Book Clubs



- Historical fiction helps students see how history is not a collection of old, dead facts to be memorized.
 - Full of compelling stories that help us understand our present, and what we need to do to better shape our future.
 - You pick the book AND set your reading pace.
The MORE your read...THE BETTER!!
- More information to come soon!

Language Arts

Mrs. Flanagan

- Reading
- Writing
- Grammar
- Vocabulary

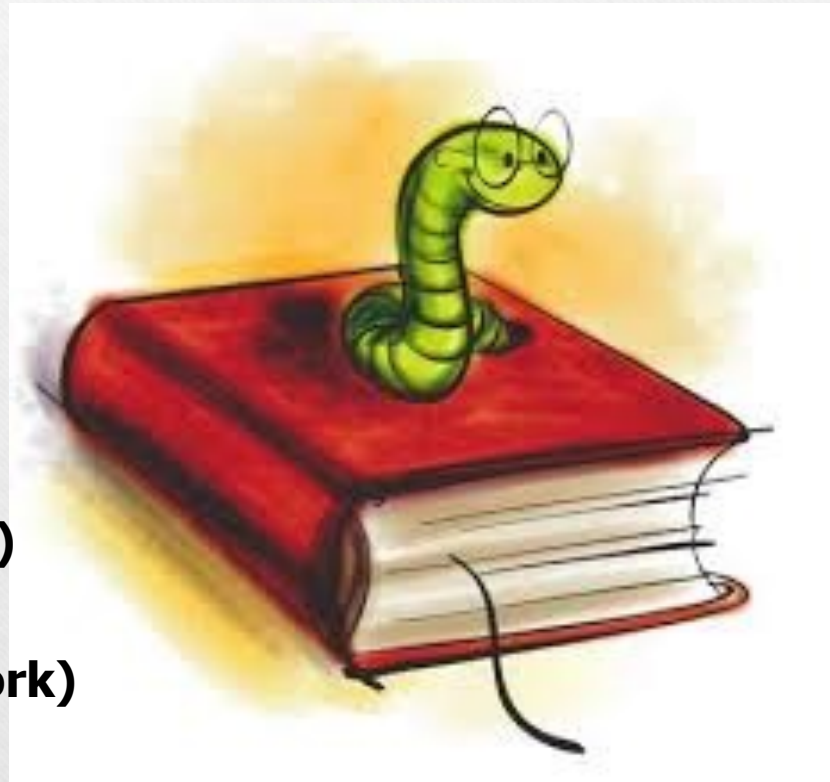
Grading Procedure

MAJOR = 60%

(tests, projects, writing, quizzes)

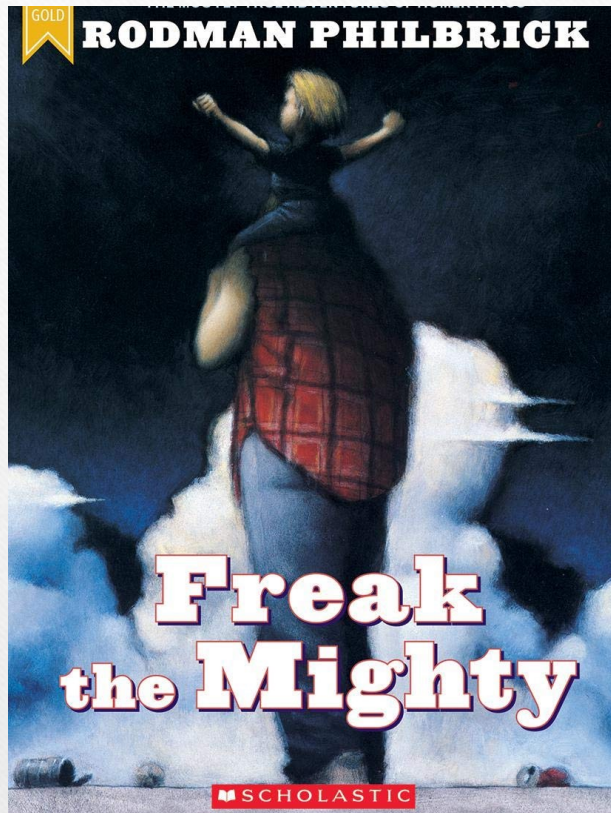
MINOR = 40%

(some quizzes, classwork, homework)



What a typical day looks like...

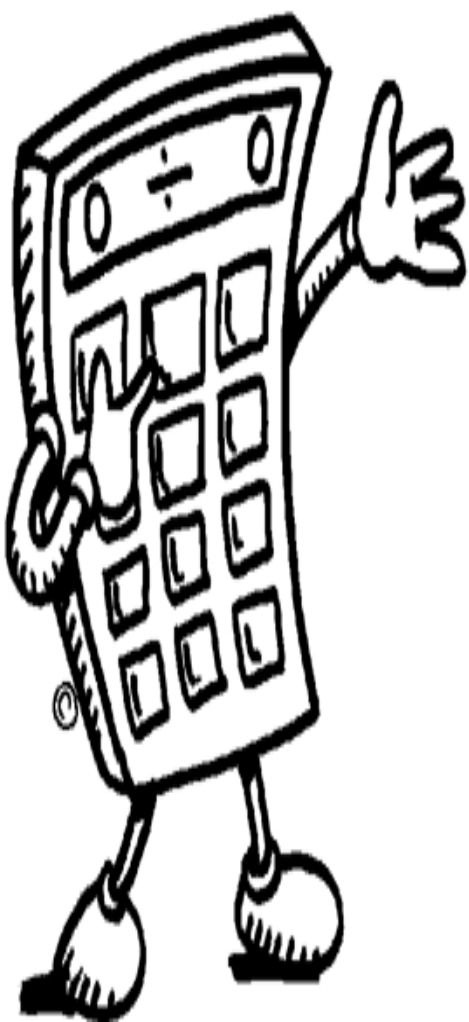
- Bellringer - new topics each nine weeks (writing of the week, quote of the week, figurative language, etc.) - this nine weeks Power of Patterns
- Textbook - Will not be sent home. These stay in the classroom unless students/parents need to check it out for the night.
- Novels - Book Clubs every nine weeks
- Individual work, group work, partner work
- Sharing and listening
- Homework will be given only if classwork is not completed. It is due by the assigned date (typically the next school day) in order to receive full credit.



Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

This will be used by all my 6th grade classes. If you want your child to have his/her own copy, please send to Mrs.

Flanagan as soon as possible. We do, however, have copies available.



MATH

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What should you expect in math class?

Bellringer, Math Notes, Class Discussions, Hands-on Activities, Cooperative Learning, Independent Practice, Critical Thinking, Study Guides, Review/Games, Tests & Projects

6th Grade Math Curriculum

Content by Topic:

- Topic 1: Positive Rational Numbers
- Topic 2: Integers & Rational Numbers
- Topic 3: Numeric & Algebraic Expressions
- Topic 4: Equations & Inequalities
- Topic 5: Rates & Ratios
- Topic 6: Percent/Percent Equation
- Topic 7: Area, Surface Area, & Volume
- Topic 8: Data & Data Displays

Supplies:

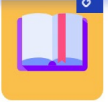
Composition Notebook
Calculator (Strongly Recommended) - Texas instruments, TI-30XIIS
Glue sticks

Grading Procedures:


60% Tests/Quizzes
40% Classwork/Homework

SAVVAS Envision

- SAVVAS Envision is our online textbook
- Homework is completed & submitted online
- Homework grade – accuracy
- Immediate Feedback – rework problems
- Students should submit homework w/ 100% accuracy
- **Schoology**- Weekly outline and homework/test dates will be posted




Schoolology



EduTyping


DISTRICT




Flocabulary

Resources added by you


Hide




Boom Cards



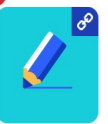
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Schoolology



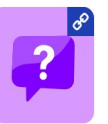
Flocabulary




Factor Game




Factor Tree Game




Factor Video




Math Games



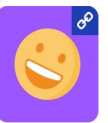
Math Games2



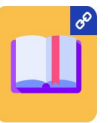
Kahoot-Expressions



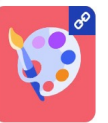
XtraMath




HelloSmart Lumio



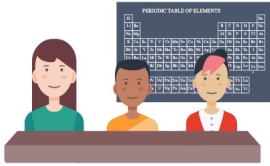
Math Playground... (games)



Factor Game2




+ Add




Help a student


Relevant resources for you




Read to Lead
Empower the next generation of readers and leaders.



Whoo's Reading
Higher-level thinking alternative to multiple choice for reading comprehension



Quizizz
Free self-paced quizzes to motivate every student.



Nitro Type
Improve typing speed while you play

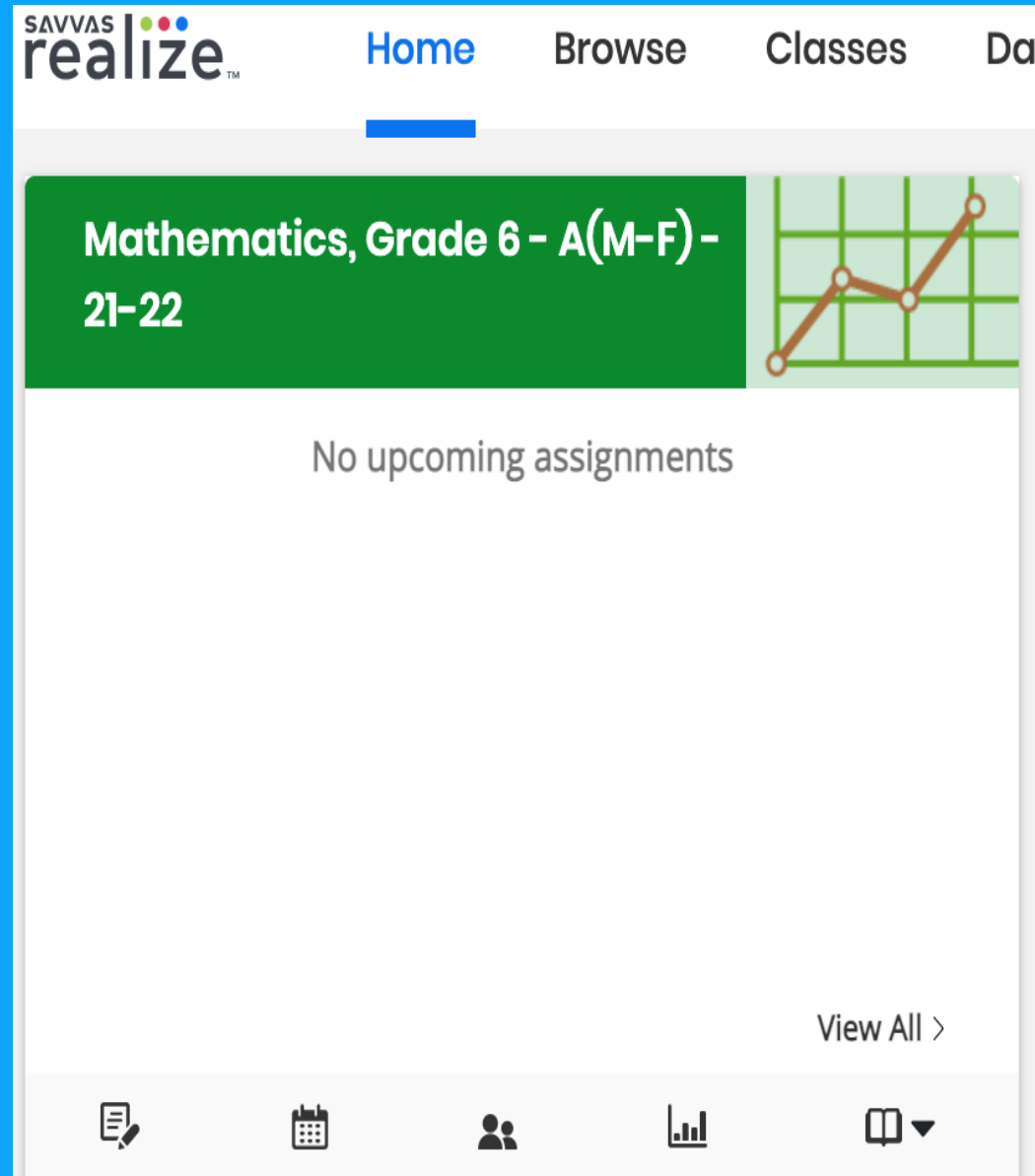
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Homework

SAVVAS


Envision


- Auburnschools.org
- For students—CLEVER
- SAVVAS EasyBridge
- View ALL to see all assignments that have been assigned
- To access the textbook, click on the image to the far right of the homepage



Homework - Envision

REWORK SIMILAR PROBLEM

 1.1.PS-20


Question Help 

Find the sum.

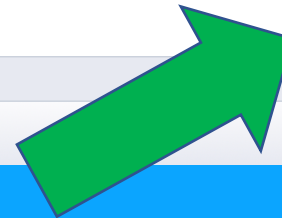
$$4.7 + 4.13$$

The sum is 8.83.

Question is complete. Tap on the red indicators to see incorrect answers.

All parts showing 

Similar Question



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messaging app!
text "fbccck" to
the number 81010

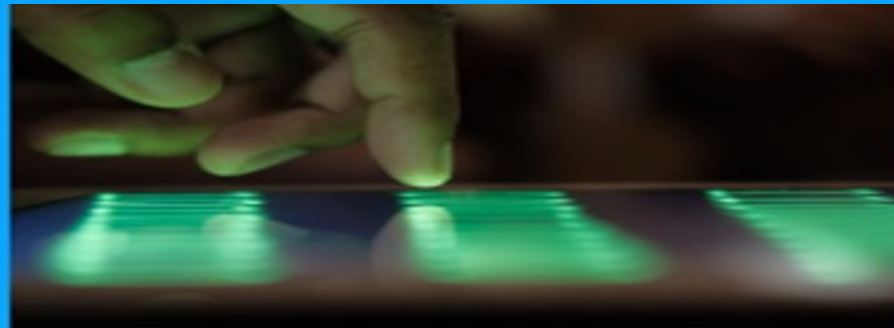
Digital Connections:

Exploratory classes

**each student has
all exploratory
classes in 6-week
rotations



- In Digital Connections (*now called Technology Education*) students will gain a deeper understanding of technology uses.
- Students will learn about being a good Digital Citizen and understanding online IP rights.
- They will learn to become better typists, and they will complete projects centered around digital mediums



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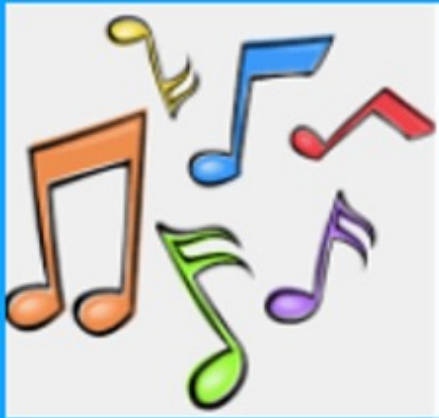


Art:

- In Art they will do many creative projects using various mediums
- They will also learn different periods of art, characteristics of those works, and characteristics of art. We strive to bring out the inner artists.

Exploratory classes

**each student has all
exploratory classes in
6-week rotations



Music

In music, students will
explore:

- Rhythm patterns
- Note recognition
- Elements of music
- Sight reading
- Creating movement with music
- So much more

**My goal is to help students develop
a deeper love and appreciation of
music .**

Exploratory classes

**each student has all exploratory classes in 6-week rotations



Current Events:

- Current events (*now called Elective Survey*) will help students understand what is happening in the world while delivering the news in an age-appropriate manner.
- They will be required to read or watch a news story of their choosing for homework and share their findings with the class
- This is a great class that will help students start to understand the importance of researching, organizing information, and citing sources.

Exploratory classes

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Spanish:

- The primary purpose of this course is to introduce students to the Spanish language.
- Students will learn basic vocabulary and conversational skills in Spanish.
- They will be introduced to the unique geography, history, and culture of the regions.

Exploratory classes

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STEM:

- The focus of STEM class is to introduce students to careers in science, math, and technology.
- There will be a heavy focus on engineering and hands on learning assignments.
- Students will work cooperatively in groups to do projects.

PE

Not Appropriate for P.E.



3 Questions:

Can I move in them safely?

Are my toes covered?

If I kick an object will my shoe
come off?

NO CROCS, SANDALS, or BOOTS



MR. KEEL



×Adam Keel is a nationally certified counselor and is proud to be your child's school counselor. Contact him at awkeel@auburnschools.org or 334.887.1940, and visit his website at auburnschools.org/awkeel or school counselors' website at auburnschools.org/Page/2476

×Focuses on Academic (School), Career (Work), and Personal/Social/Emotional (Life)

- ×Services include, but are not limited to:
- Monthly classroom guidance lessons.
 - Individual and small group support.
 - Responsive services and crisis management.
 - Referrals to community agencies and therapists.
 - Collaboration and consultation to ensure success.



Communication/ Take – a - Ways

- Schoology – access through CLEVER
- Power Schools
 - Call 887-1922 for login (Jackie Milford)
 - Allow teachers time for entering of grades
 - Teach children to self-advocate and discuss grades with teachers
- Office 365
- Puma Press
- Facebook: Drake Middle School PTO
- Instagram: @JFDrakeMiddle and @DMS Puma
- Keep binders organized by subjects
- Know how to log onto PBIS
- ✓ Midterm progress reports
- ✓ End of 9-weeks report cards
- Allow mistakes and use them as growth opportunities
- Make sure students know their:
 - Bus #
 - Home address
 - Phone #

It's going to be a great year!

