

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

Academics and More

Today marks the end of Cycle 3. Students received study notes (either as hard copies or digitally) for **the Social World test, which will be this coming Monday**. We strongly encourage students to complete all of the background readings and questions before taking the test. As we wrap up Language work, students are compiling their apprentice sentences for the cycle into personal booklets. Students are also doing the same with the poetry they've written this cycle.

We finished watching the series "The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow" this week. The series begins with the end of Reconstruction, and moves chronologically through the Supreme Court's 1954 landmark ruling on *Brown v. Board of Education*. Students had been assigned background readings and questions that complement the material covered in the series. In our final week of the cycle, we shifted our attention to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Students are creating individual timelines about that, as well as creating a civil rights timeline.

In our Geography and Current Events work this week, we had a lesson and assignment on plate tectonics. We covered the three types of plate boundaries: convergent (which results in subduction zones, volcanoes, and mountain chains), transform (which results in earthquakes), and divergent (which results in seafloor spreading and land rifts). We also saw how plate tectonic activity is related to the ever widening East African Rift.

In our last week of Personal World, our 7th and 8th graders were assigned their second letter to their adult ally. We connected our earlier work about stages of personal power to forms of leadership and human rights struggles.

Thank you to...

 **Jamie Zinkhan, for picking up our special Valentine's lunch**

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Level 3 Families, thank you for all of the ways that you support our middle school. 

Questions?

PARENTS AND STUDENTS: We encourage you to contact us with any questions and concerns. The best time to call us is in the evening; alternatively, you can email or text us any time:

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