
8TH GRADE

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LANGUAGE ARTS

This month, students wrote a critique and were able to show their reasons and ideas supporting a specific claim. They began their second semester novel titled, *The Giver* by Lois Lowry which will be due on April 14th. Students looked at different interpretations of the same legend and witnessed how oral tradition can change the facts.



SCIENCE

Grade 8 focused on ecology, learning about the different levels of ecological study. To explore camouflage, we had a fun activity where learners designed butterfly wings to blend in with their surroundings in the classroom. This creative task helped us understand how animals adapt to their environments.



HISTORY

Grade 8 learned about the Cold War and the Arms Race, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, the Space Race, and European Integration. They filled in Cornell notes from the lesson. They also looked at the social and cultural changes in the second half of the twentieth century and created timelines of the most important events.

MATHS

Students have begun looking at our next large unit that revolves around 3D shapes. We reviewed the characteristics of prisms and pyramids. Students wrote formulas for volume and surface area and practiced using them while constructing a cityscape.
