



## YES, Lots of Learning Happening!!

**Grade 5 Social Studies** This term we learned about problem solving as our nation was making decisions about our Constitution, which is still important to citizens today! We analyzed the thinking of the framers, and discovered how we still think about the checks and balances in our government.

**Grade 5 ELA!** Speaking, listening, reading, writing we are doing it all! We are learning many grammar skills, so that we have a good set of foundational skills when we produce written work. We are also reading authentic literature. Tuck Everlasting was our most recent read.

**Grade 6 Social Studies!** We are learning about life *long ago!* We are discovering some surprising and interesting facts about daily life in Ancient Judea and Greece.

**Grade 6 ELA!** Speaking, listening, reading, writing, we are doing it all too! We are reading and enjoying authentic literature such as *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and *Old Yeller*. We are now integrating some American history into our reading. Harriet Tubman is a fascinating woman that will be fun to read about.

**Grade 7/8 Social Studies!** We too are learning about early American life! We are reading about our nation's move westward, and the War of 1812.

**Grade 7/8 ELA!** We are combining our subject areas. We recently read a biography about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. Integrating reading with social studies content has many benefits for students. It helps develop critical thinking skills, and improves their ability to picture the events, giving them a deeper understanding of social studies, events, and concepts.