

# WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone had a great summer break, it certainly went by in the blink of an eye. I would like to introduce myself, my name is Ethan Connelly and I will be your child's teacher for this school year. For most of you I will be teaching your child multiple subjects including math, reading, writing, science, and social science. For others, I may only be teaching your child for one or two of these subjects. This is my fourth year teaching and second year at Cassell. I graduated from Cassell in 2012, so I am very familiar with the school and the surrounding area. I went to Marist High School and then onto Illinois State University to study Special Education. I graduated from Illinois State in 2020. There I learned how to teach and advocate for all students as well as how to effectively communicate with parents and guardians. This summer I completed my Masters degree in curriculum and instruction. There I learned about how to better create and implement lessons and curriculum. My goal is for school to be somewhere your child is excited to be. I want my classroom to be a fun place that encourages a positive learning environment.

Below are some of the things we will be working on in class throughout the year!

## Mathematics

8th, 7th, & 6th Grade: Ratios & Proportional Relationships, The Number System, Expressions & Equations, Geometry, Statistics & Probability

## Language Arts (Reading & Writing)

8th, 7th, & 6th Grade Writing: Writing arguments to support claims, Narratives, Informative/Explanatory texts, Research Projects, and many other writing conventions

## Science

8th & 6th Grade Science: Projects, Experiments, Reading & Writing about Science

## Social Science

8th and 6th Grade Social Science: Projects, reading and analyzing history, U.S. and Illinois Constitution, and writing about history

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have throughout the year at my email [eeconn1@cps.edu](mailto:eeconn1@cps.edu) . I will respond to emails in a timely manner. If I receive an email during the school day please give me at the end of the day to respond. However, I will make an effort to respond during the day if I have time.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Connelly

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Grading Scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	59% and Below

Grading Codes:

0= Work done completely incorrectly

MSG= Missing assignment/Never turned in

EXC= Excused from completing assignment

INC= Incomplete and will not be calculated into final grade

