October is the heart of the 1st quarter. Students complete projects and performance tasks, and technology services are in high demand.

In Food and Consumer Science class, 7th graders participated in a home cooking challenge. For this activity, students selected a recipe that featured at least three steps and prepared it at home. They then served the meal to their family. Afterwards, all participants filled out a comment sheet about the food they ate. Students took pictures throughout the process and used these pictures to create a movie trailer in iMovie. This trailer showed them working on their recipe from start to finish in about 60 seconds.

Mr. Nyhan and Mr. Vallée collaborated to create a Google Earth project for 7th grade students. Students researched countries in Europe using the school’s electronic resources. They then created a guided tour using this information in Google Earth. This tour communicated the result of their research. Students explored several countries and provided feedback to their peers.

Mr. Vallée visited Mr. Husmann’s 8th grade English classes this month and discussed several new nonfiction books from the library collection. Students were intrigued by some of the titles and circulation was high that day as many requested books as they were presented.

Mr. Husmann’s 7th grade English classes visited the library and participated in Ms. Pickel’s book talk. She presented about fifteen books to each group, highlighting the genre, the story, and the main characters. Students had the opportunity to check out an interesting book right away.

Finally, Mr. Vallée created several scenarios of young adults suffering from communicable diseases for Ms. Woodland’s health classes. Using this information, students will provide a diagnosis based on the symptoms described and explain possible treatment options.