

Sixth Grade

Important Dates

2/18-2/22 NO School: Mid Winter Break

2/7 5:30 Information Night for Outward Bound

2/27-3/1 Outward Bound Backpacking trip to Pt. Reyes!!

3/15 Field trip to Fitzgerald Marine Reserve for tidepooling

Important Information

Staying focused is presenting a challenge to many of our 6th graders who come to school complaining of being tired and hungry. Please make sure that your student is getting enough sleep and has breakfast either at home or at school.

Physical exercise is important not only for growth and development of the body but for optimal brain development as well. Getting outside and running around, playing sports, or riding a bike are great activities for middle school students.

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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello,

We began our study of Ancient India with a look at the wide variety of geographical features of this subcontinent. As always, these features helped to determine settlement. We will explore the roots of two more world religions, Buddhism and Hinduism, in this unit.

We are reading Rudyard Kipling's Rikki-tikki-tavi and mining it for character essays. While only a short story, this classic is full of characters with fascinating traits to study.

In Academic Workshop we are looking at positive character traits in ourselves and in others. We are developing our own super heros who will use our positive character traits to help others.

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Math/Science

Hi Families!

This week, we've looked at finding the area for different shapes, like triangles and trapezoids. Our major question this week has been "how can I change this shape to make it easier to work with?" For example, two right triangles make a rectangle, thus finding the area is half of the area of the rectangle- or $\frac{1}{2}$ base * height.

This week we've looked at climate, and graphing global climate temperatures since 1880. The average global temperature has changed especially after the industrial revolution, which is evident in the graph we as 6th grade graphed.

Best,

Ms. Lindsey

Pictures from Math and Science

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