

Sixth Grade

Important Dates

5/1-5/15: CAASPP TESTING

5/31: Open House

6/1: 2:00 PM Middle School Music Extravaganza

6/8: Crossing the Bridge

Willow Creek Community

Happy Spring!

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Successful Support

CAASPP state testing started this week. Please ensure that students get a full 8 hours of sleep, and have a healthy breakfast to start their day! We appreciate all that you parents do on your end to prepare your students for their day at school. :)

Standardized tests such as the CAASPP will play a large role in your child's future education and employability. Even if you do not see value in the CAASPP itself, the skill of test taking is something they will need in their future, whether it be the SAT or simply an online application for summer employment. These tests have become a filter and knowing how to take them is necessary in the 21st century. We spent some time this week on the importance of simply following directions in order to do our best.

We plan to make this state mandated testing experience as anxiety free and comfortable as possible.

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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello Families!

In social studies we examined the four forms of government in ancient Greece. These included monarchy, oligarchy, tyranny, and democracy. Ask your students which one is my favorite and why. You might also ask them what happens when the country you are flying to for your honeymoon succumbs to a coup while you are on the plane.

We are watching The Odyssey and exploring some of the literary themes in Homer's epic poem. We will be reading related Greek myths and exploring how they were tied to daily life. We read the story of Icarus today. Please, do not fly too close to the sun.

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Ms. Rizzo

Math/Science

Hi Families!

This week we've worked on the scientific method, and creating our own experiments by looking at bean growth. Students created a control experiment, and have looked at other variables that they could change to figure out what sorts of factors affect plant growth.

Best,

Ms. Lindsey