

Sixth Grade

Important Dates

11/19-23 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Week!

11/1-11/30 6th Grade Leads Morning Assembly!

12/3 9:45-2:30 pm, Field trip, The Marine Mammal Center (please see Kate's email for drivers, and chaperones!)

Willow Creek Community



We are so thankful for all of you! Ms. Rizzo and I are incredibly thankful to have an amazing class full of excited learners, hard workers, passionate thinkers, and students who have a great sense of humor.

Holiday breaks are a great time for students to work just a tiny bit extra. They should continue reading (travel time is great for encouraging reading a good book!) of their choice, and they should do some minutes on Dreambox to continue working on those math skills.

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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello Families!

Settlements in the fertile crescent evolved into civilizations with social and government structures, culture, written language, and religion. These civilizations grew into empires lasting for decades or centuries. As is often the case, these civilizations fell when they got too large to manage and defend.

Students have their final project on the Epic of Gilgamesh. They were given voice and choice with regard to selecting and completing the project. They were given ample class time to complete the project but are allowed to turn it in no later than the start of class on Tuesday November 13.

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Math/Science

Happy Thanksgiving Break Families!!!

I am so incredibly thankful for all of my students. They show up and work hard every day, and are super excited to learn math and science.

This week in science we've focused mostly on our Ocean Ambassador lessons through The Marine Mammal Center. We've learned about ocean acidification, the pH scale, and how levels of pH can affect our marine animals. We also looked into blood, fecal, and water samples as a way to diagnose several animal diseases and look into how to treat these in our seal and sea lion patients.

This week in math we've introduced the concept of variables! We're working on laying a really strong foundation for upcoming years in algebra and beyond. We're talking about simple expressions with a variable, and evaluating for that variable. For example, if the expression is $4x+3$, with $x=2$, the expression would then become $4(2)+3=11$. Feel free to work on some expressions and give them the variable value, for them to try and solve this week over break.

**In addition, if your student is in need of something to do over this break, please give them the opportunity to play on dreambox for at least 20 minutes this week, and even more if they want, or if you need it :).

Best,
Ms. Lindsey

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Pictures from ELA/Social Studies	Pictures from Math and Science