

# Sixth Grade

## Important Dates

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

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

3/15 Field trip to Fitzgerald Marine Reserve for tidepooling

## Important Information

**Do not send your child to school if they are ill. It is not healthy for them, their classmates, or their teachers.**

Students have been coming to school in the cold and heavy rain without **proper outerwear**. They then sit in class soaking wet, uncomfortable, and frankly smelling unpleasant. If your child does not have appropriate wet weather attire, let Ms. Rizzo know and she will fashion a saucy rain poncho out of a trash bag to protect them from the elements.

During this time where students bodies are growing and changing, we're finding that they're extra hungry these days.

Students should be eating breakfast in order to have enough energy to put their best effort into class. In addition, students should be bringing a healthy snack to eat at recess. Because we eat lunch later in the day, students need a snack to help them get a boost of energy to make it through class.

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Curriculum Corner	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Humanities</u></p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>In ELA we are using short stories to examine themes in literature. This week we studied a translation of the Hindu legend <u>The Princess and the God</u>. Ask your child to explain the theme to you. Rikki-tiki-tavi essays were for the most part very good. Some students struggle with following directions and will need to re-write the essay.</p> <p>In social studies, our research into the origins of ancient religions continues with Hinduism and Buddhism. Students will be comparing and contrasting these religions which both trace their origins back to ancient India.</p> <p>In Academic Workshop we talked about kindness.</p> <p>Ms. Rizzo <a href="mailto:mrizzo@willowcreekacademy.org">mrizzo@willowcreekacademy.org</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Math/Science</u></p> <p>Hi Families!</p> <p>This week we introduced expressions with variables, and learned how to solve these expressions. We learned the difference between <math>x^2</math> and <math>2x</math>. We learned how to evaluate these expressions if we know the value of a variable.</p> <p><b><u>Students have been given homework over break.</u></b> They need to EITHER complete the packet, or do 1 ½ hours of dreambox over break.</p> <p>In science this week we've continued our discussion of climate change, and some of the effects it has. We also had a really cool opportunity and were able to visit the STEAM Lab with Mr. McDonald this week! Check out below for some pictures!</p> <p>Best,</p> <p>Ms. Lindsey</p>

