

Sixth Grade

Important Dates

September 3, Labor Day No School

September 6, 5:15 for Outward Bound Meeting
6:00 pm 6A in Ms. Lindsey's Room
6:30 pm 6B in Ms. Lindsey's Room
6:00 pm 6B in Ms. Rizzo's Room
6:30 pm 6A in Ms. Rizzo's Room

Back to School Night

September 22, Fall Welcome

Willow Creek Community

Welcome to 6th grade!

Make sure to join us for Back to School Night on Thursday **September 6**. We will begin at **5:15** in the **library** for a presentation from our partners at Outward Bound about our team building and camping trips. This is the best opportunity to get your questions answered prior to the team building days September 12/13.

At 6 pm 6B parents will move to Ms. Rizzo's room (20) and 6A parents to Ms. Lindsey's room (21) for 25 minutes of information and questions. Parents will then switch rooms in order to meet both core teachers.

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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello Families!

We are getting to know each other, making classroom agreements to facilitate learning, and setting up systems to optimize our time. We explored what it means to be compassionate and students made posters on this topic.

Students have completed a writing pre-assessment in preparation for Writers Workshop They explored the social studies textbook with a scavenger hunt designed to whet their appetite for the adventures ahead.

I am looking forward to meeting or reconnecting with you at Back to School Night.

Ms. Rizzo

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Math/Science

Welcome back!

This week we've spent time working on our growth mindset in mathematics, by working on a week of inspirational math. Through this we've challenged our brains by looking at patterns, creating expressions from these patterns, and estimating what the pattern might look like several steps down the line.

In science this week, we've learned how to use a microscope, we've talked about the scientific method, and started our own experiment to show the process of the scientific method.

Best,

Ms. Lindsey

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Homework

Each student now has a homework binder with a folder for containing their weekly assignments and notices to parents. This folder also contains a monthly log for completed homework. This system will help students keep track of assignments and they will get credit for completing them every day. They will earn 5 extra credit points for getting a parent or guardian signature every month.

Technology

Willow Creek Academy has adopted new technology policies regarding use of school computers/electronics and personal cell phones.

Technology contracts are being sent home for student and parent/guardian signatures. Please read the contract, which covers responsible, respectful, and safe use of school technology. Review the contract with your student, sign and return it. Students will not be issued any school technological devices until the signed contract is returned. Students will be issued one specific chromebook and that is the only one they will use.

Students who bring cellphones to school will turn them in first thing in the morning. They will be kept secure until dismissal. There will be no need for phones in any classes. If a student fails to turn in a phone, the teacher will keep it until the end of day on the first occurrence. If there are subsequent occurrences, the phone will be given to Ms. Duran and will only be returned directly to the student's parent or guardian.

Thank you for your support as we institute these new policies.