



6th Grade updates

February 16th, 2018

Important Dates

2/19/18-2/23/18 NO SCHOOL: Mid Winter Break
3/16/18: NO SCHOOL Staff Day

Parent conferences will be scheduled likely in the afternoons/evenings during the week

3/19: NO SCHOOL: Staff day

3/26 Field trip to Rafael Theater

4/9-4/13: NO SCHOOL: Spring Break

4/18-4/20 Outward Bound Trip to Angel Island

Willow Creek Community



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Successful Support

Middle School PSA:

Middle school is hard! We've all been through middle school, and for some of us it may have been easier than it was others, and we all probably have our own share of horror stories. As our sixth graders transition, we all are likely to notice some changes in mood, behavior, and interest at school.

11 and 12 year olds start to take more interest in themselves, and peer opinions start to matter more than the adults around them. They become sensitive, easily embarrassed, worry about their friend groups, and like to challenge rules and test limits. Our sixth graders are shifting and entering adolescence, and learning what it means to take on more responsibilities, as well as how we all fit in this human world together. They are empathetic, and kind, learning to be self-aware, insightful, and take on more challenging responsibilities.

Ms. Rizzo and Ms. Lindsey both care deeply about each sixth grade student, and know that this is a challenging time for most of them, and probably for parents as well. Be patient, and understanding, and feel free to reach out if you're seeing challenging behavior at home. Chances are, we are as well, and we'd be happy to have a conversation to better support your student.



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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello Families!

We completed our study of ancient Egypt and the Middle East today. Students made their own clay amulets to wrap in the linen with our mummies. The embalming process will continue over the next few months and culminate in our funeral and interment ceremony. In the meanwhile we are on to Asia.

After break we will begin our exploration of the wonders of Ancient India. We will continue our literary analysis of ancient myths by examining Hindu and Buddhist legends.

We had a lovely Valentine's celebration and the students were kind and generous with each other. Thank you for all the teacher gifts.

Ms. Rizzo

Math/Science

Hi families!

This week we've started learning about unknown numbers and creating expressions using our algebra tiles. We talked about that $Y \times Y$ is Y^2 . We looked at creating unknown expressions from our algebra tiles, and solving expressions when $y=3$.

In science this week we looked at different black scientists and what they've studied, and how they've made a difference in our society, for Black History Month.

Have a great week off next week!

Best,

Ms. Lindsey



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