



6th Grade updates

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<u>Important Dates</u>	<u>Willow Creek Community</u>
<p>2/19/18-2/23/18 NO SCHOOL: Mid Winter Break 3/16/18: NO SCHOOL Staff Day</p> <p>Parent conferences will be scheduled likely in the afternoons/evenings during the week</p> <p>3/19: NO SCHOOL: Staff day</p> <p>3/26 Field trip to Rafael Theater</p> <p>4/9-4/13: NO SCHOOL: Spring Break</p> <p>4/18-4/20 Outward Bound Trip to Angel Island</p>	



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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!

I scored your student's personal narratives and shared their grades with them. I am keeping them in a portfolio to share with you at conferences. Most students can access their story on google docs, if you want to read it. A few students wrote them by hand and I have those stories.

We created scrolls depicting the lives of four Hebrew leaders this week and learned about the origins and development of Judaism.

We will be starting a unit on literary essays soon. In preparation, we practiced close reading with the words of the great American poet, Neil Diamond. We worked in a little Latin and philosophy as well: Cogito Ergo Sum!

Our mummies continue to dry in their natron. In about one month they will be ready for wrapping in linen.

Ms. Rizzo

Math/Science

Hi families!

This week in math we've started dividing fractions, looked at formulas and used PEMDAS to calculate celsius from fahrenheit to finding the height and velocity of an object.

In science, we've finished up the rough draft of our essays and have continued to have a conversation about science literacy, and why there is climate science denial.

Best,

Ms. Lindsey



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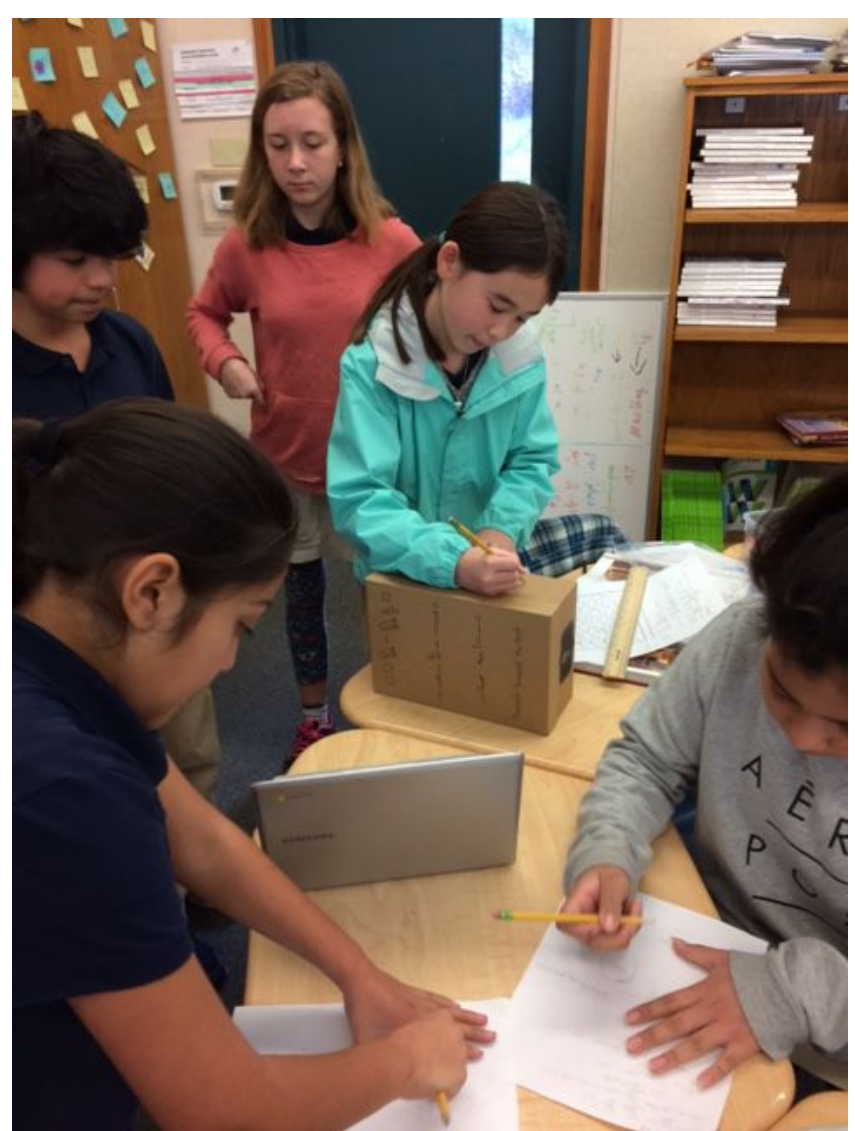
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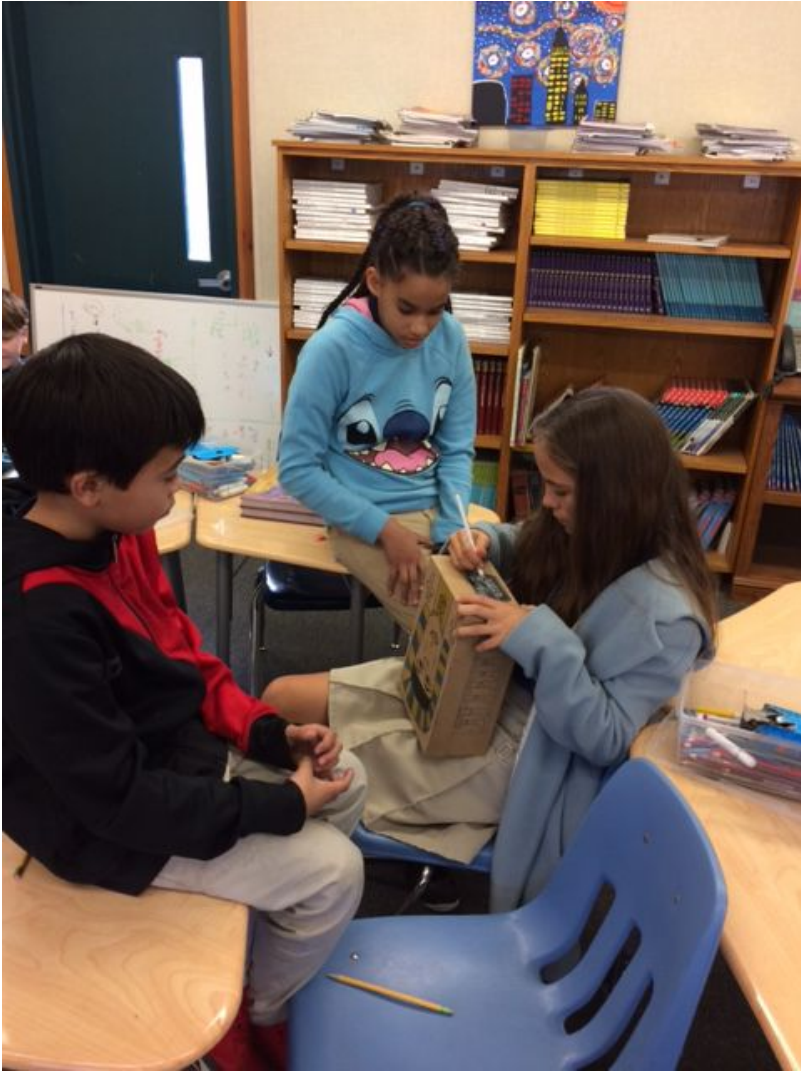
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