

Sixth Grade

Important Dates

1/21: NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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

Back to School

These weeks in January and early February are some of the most productive in the school year. Routines are established, baselines are determined, teachers and students have created bonds.

Please make sure your student is getting enough sleep, minimal screen time, and adequate nutrition and exercise. This will ensure that they can take best advantage of this prime educational time.

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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello,

We explored the ancient kingdom of Kush or Nubia. This civilization was unique in that it was ruled by kandakes, fierce warrior queens. In fact Amanirenas led her soldiers in a stunning defeat of the Romans, the ancient world's super power.

There is no known translation of the Meroitic language for us to explore their literature. Not a problem for 6th graders! They wrote their own historical fiction about Kush and Amanirenas. I look forward to reading these.

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Math/Science

Welcome back!

This week the students have been diving deep into a National Geographic magazine, studying the article in depth. We looked at different types of graphics (graphs, maps, and infographics), and how they help us understand the story better. Students each found an article that they were really interested in, and then have been writing a short essay about the article.

This first week, we spent time re-learning how to be in the classroom, and reminding the class as a whole what the expectations are. We'll start chapter 5 of the math program on Monday.

In addition to this, we had a parent, Kas and her coworker, Christian come into the classroom and teach us how to 'cheat' on our math homework by using the coding system python to create a code that helps students solve simple order of operation problems.

Best,

Ms. Lindsey

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Pictures from ELA/Social Studies	Pictures from Math and Science