



6th Grade Updates

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Exciting Events

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

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

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

Willow Creek Community

The College of Marin (COM) Math and Science Department and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Marin are co-sponsoring Super STEM Saturday on February 3, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Kentfield Campus.

COM and AAUW invite girls in grades 7 – 9 to attend **Super STEM Saturday**. The free lineup of speakers and hands-on workshops is designed to engage girls in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and to encourage more of them to consider and prepare for STEM careers

Mr. Devol and I will be taking a group of girls who are interested in this event. I'll make an announcement next week in class, but highly encourage girls to apply!



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Successful Support

Sexual Harassment:

Hi families,

In light of recent media events, and because the students have asked a few questions regarding the #metoo movement, the 6th grade team has decided to discuss and address sexual harassment in an appropriate manner for 6th graders. As we are all partners in educating and raising your wonderful children, we wanted you to be aware that this was discussed today. Your students may come home with questions, or let you know what we discussed today, and feel free to talk to them more about this.

Please feel free to reach out to Ms. Lindsey if you have further questions about what was addressed.

Best,

The 6th Grade Team



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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello Families!

Our focus in ELA this week was Egyptian Myths. Ask your student why the Nile River rises each year. The answer was in the myth of *Isis and Osiris*. We practiced close reading and supporting claims with textual evidence while reading *The Prince and the Sphinx*.

Students have been randomly separated into four groups, one for each of our pharaohs. They researched and designed sarcophagi which will hold the embalmed bodies when they are interred in the pyramids we will design and build. They also wrote homages to recite at the funeral.

Ms. Rizzo

Math/Science

Hi families!

This week we found out that finding the area of two triangles by finding the area of a rectangle, and dividing by two! This proves the formula for finding the area of a triangle as $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$, or $\frac{1}{2} bh$.

In science we've continued working on our national parks essays and research, as well as our vocabulary poster. I'm looking forward to reading these research essays soon!

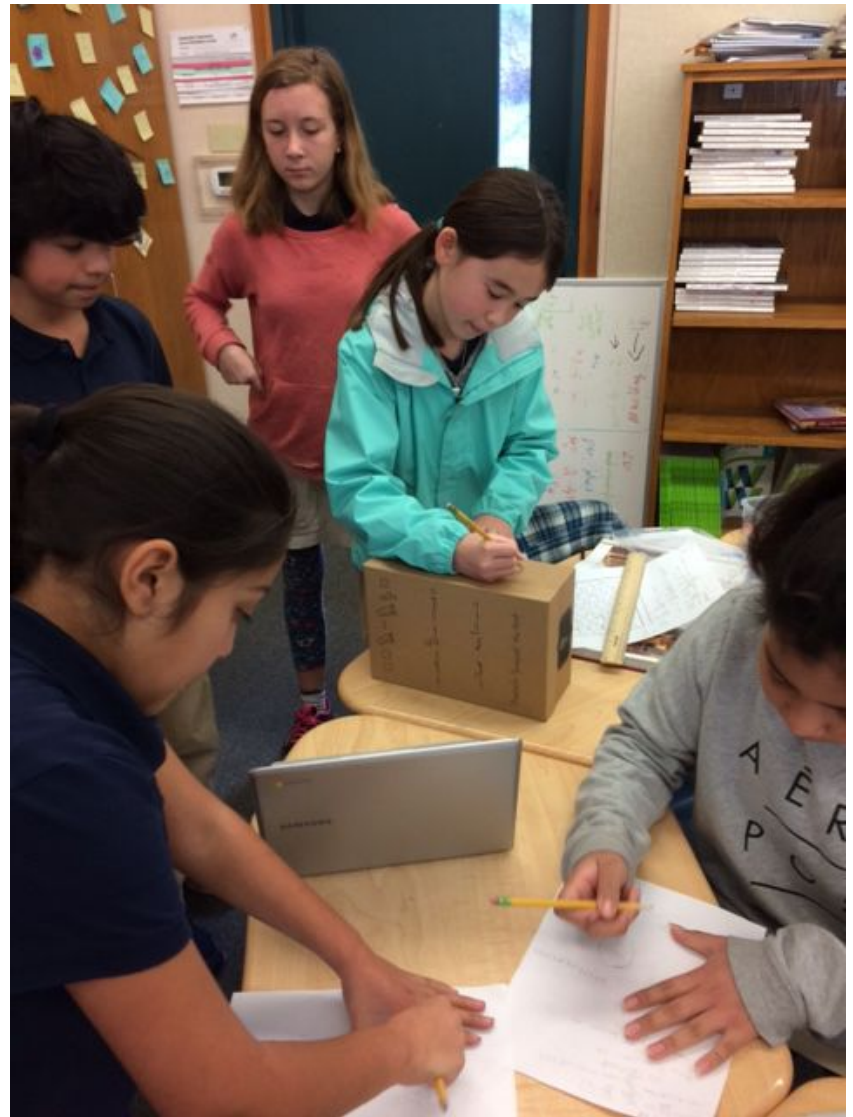
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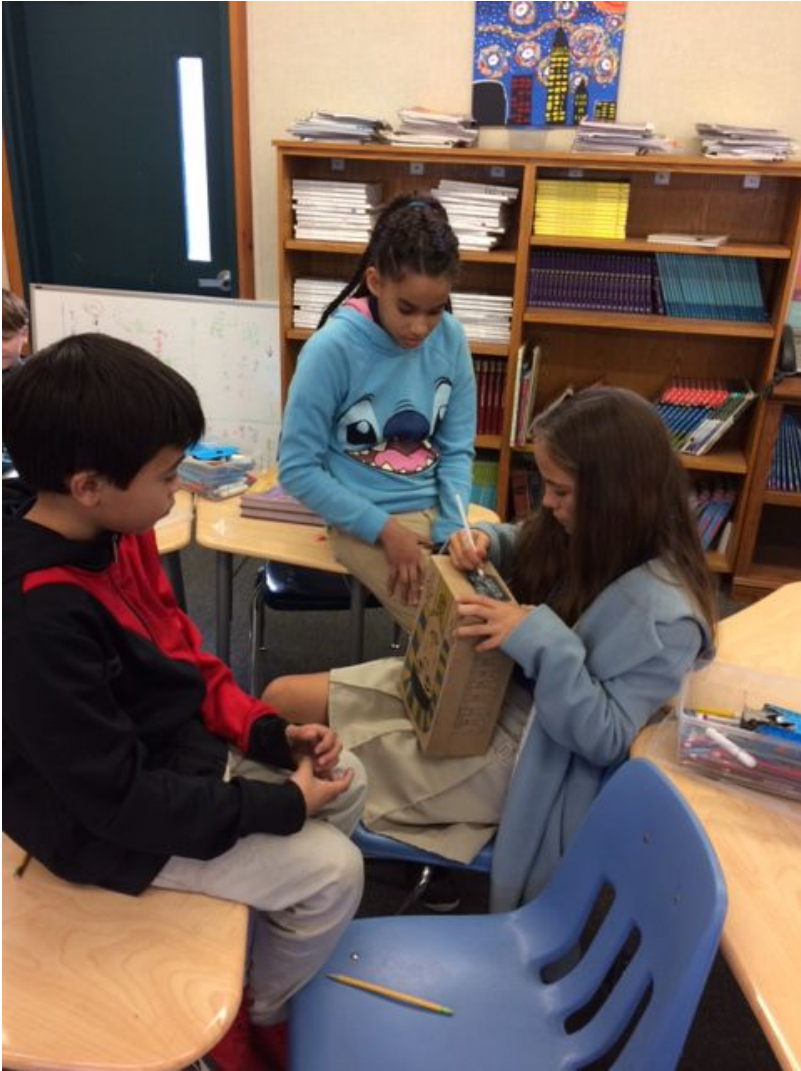
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