

Sixth Grade

<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: Conference 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

Exciting Opportunity!

The San Francisco Zoo has a volunteer program opened to students ages 12+ over the summer. Students can apply to work with the Nature Trail where they learn animal handling skills and presentation skills to educate guests about local animals.

Nature Trailers work in close proximity to the Zoo's ambassador animal collection, and teach guests about adaptations and conservation. Nature Trailers will learn to handle a few small mammals and reptiles.

- Ages 12-14 (must be 12 by Memorial Day)
- Program runs: Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Hours: 2 days per week, 10 am to 4:45 pm

The Orientation Day for the Nature Trail program MUST be attended, and it is this weekend, Saturday March 3, 2018 from 10AM-Noon at the San Francisco Zoo in the Education Building. (You wouldn't need to pay for Zoo Admission to attend the Orientation program. All orientations will be held in the Great Hall of the Lurie Education Center. To get to the Great Hall, enter through the main red gates to the Zoo and make a left just past the gift shop.

Please note: parking passes are not provided.

Have a Question? Email youth@sfzoo.org or call (415) 753-8123.

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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello Families!

We have begun our exploration of the wonders of ancient India. We will continue our literary analysis of ancient myths by examining Hindu and Buddhist legends and the short stories of Rudyard Kipling.

In ELA we have started working on literary essays and will use the stories from India as the subject of our writing. We began with an in depth analysis of the famous literary hero, The Third Little Pig. Students argued in their essays about what made this character admirable.

Students are preparing entries for one or both of the following contests.

<http://www.youthpostercontest.org/index.html>

http://www.scholastic.com/breakingbarriers/teacher/contest.htm?eml=SNP/e/20180228////MLB_V1////body////&ET_CID=20180228_SNP_MLB_V1_A_CQ_22411&ET_RID=726712901

Ms. Rizzo

Math/Science

Welcome Back!

We've had a fun week looking at algebra tiles, and creating expressions from each of them. We've also talked about the growth mindset in math, and taken a not-for-grade growth quiz to check our skills we've learned so far this year.

In science we finished watching Chasing Coral, which is about the warming ocean waters causing mass coral bleaching events. We learned about coral structures and their anatomy.

In the following weeks we'll be connecting Chasing Coral and Chasing Ice to specific experiments to see hands on what is happening.

Best,

Ms. Lindsey

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Coach Lynette got a new puppy. 6th grade generously offered to puppy sit whilst Coach was teaching. Here is Jaiden, one of our puppy whisperers.