

Sixth Grade

Important Dates

11/1-11/30 6th Grade Leads Morning Assembly!

12/3 9:45-2:30 pm, Field trip, The Marine Mammal Center

Please make sure your student brings a water bottle, dresses in appropriate hiking shoes, and brings warm (water proof) layers as it is expected to be drizzly and chilly out in the Headlands.

12/17, 12/18, 12/20 Huckleberry: Sex Education Health class

12/21 6th grade pj party!

12/21: Early Release 12:30

12/22/18-1/6/19 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

1/7/19 Classes resume

We need to talk about Fortnite.

Fortnite is causing behavioral and social issues among our 6th graders, primarily the boys. Students who play this game regularly display a range of concerning behaviors. Some are disruptive, such as dancing when they should be focused on classwork. Others are more serious and include put downs, insults, and exclusion of peers.

This game looks like a cartoon and avoids over the top blood and gore which lulls many parents into believing, "it's not that bad." In fact it is worse. This game is insidious in that players are, "killing," their friends with cartoon weapons eerily similar to the same firearms used in recent and increasingly common shootings.

Battle Royale involves shooting other players, your friends, or classmates, preferably with a, "headshot." Other objectives include chopping competitors with axes and detonating explosives. This game is not about collecting points or strategy. It is about violence. As adults, it is our responsibility to protect our children from this influence. Playing Fortnite is not an appropriate use of a child's time.

If you want to discuss this with me, please email me at:

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Ms. Rizzo

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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello Families!

After excavating the tombs of the pharaohs in the pyramids outside our classroom, we now have a collection of artifacts including sarcophagi, mummies, and canopic jars to examine and study. These were left behind by the ancient Egyptians otherwise known as last year's 6th graders.

Students are learning about some of the more notable pharaohs and the monuments they left behind. We will be sailing the Nile on a falucca and writing postcards about our journey. They have been asked to keep their arms and legs in the boat at all times.

I found several novels set in ancient Egypt and students each have one to read. The novels are needed in class every day as I do not have extra copies and they will be given class time to read. Our goal is to read one novel per week between now and winter break.

Scroll down for images of amazing ELA projects on Gilgamesh.

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Math/Science

Welcome back!

This week we've been working on our skills covering long division, using the same old standard algorithm that you learned in school! I've been giving students some extra time to practice this on homework, and please feel free to help your students out if they get stuck! Just remember Divide, multiply, subtract, bring down, repeat! :)

In science, we've been going deep into depth on how The Marine Mammal Center rescues animals, how they treat them as patients at their hospital, and what sort of diseases these animals come in with. We've looked into some case studies, read patient charts, and learned about patient outcomes. This is all in preparation for our trip to The Marine Mammal Center on Monday.

Make sure your student dresses in hiking shoes, warm layers with a waterproof jacket, or water resistant, and appropriate clothing. It will be chilly and drizzly out in the headlands for our field trip.

Best,

Ms. Lindsey

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Pictures from ELA/Social Studies

Pictures from Math and Science

Good Morning Uruk

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Weekly Forecast

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BREAKING NEWS:

The Bull of Heaven has been seen racing towards Uruk. It is said to be more than 3000 years old. Gilgamesh and Enkidu got there while slaking their swords and through one of the holes of 5000 years ago. Enkidu said "I will be the first to talk to the gods and complain."

OBITUARY:

Enkidu: Born of clay and water by nature, the goddess of choice had a son called Enkidu. Gilgamesh met him in a wrestling match and they became good friends. They fought many battles together, defeating the Bull of Heaven and Humbaba. Enkidu was killed by the gods and died. He is remembered greatly by his good friend, Gilgamesh. Memorial Service to be held tomorrow at Sunset.

Sports:

Gilgamesh and Enkidu Fight An Epic Battle: Enkidu challenged Gilgamesh to a wrestling match. It was a battle of strength and determination. They both fought bravely. After a hard-fought battle, Gilgamesh was able to defeat Enkidu. This battle sparked the beginning of their friendship.

Comics:

One day later, Gilgamesh and Enkidu were walking through the forest. They found a cave. Inside the cave, they found a man. The man was old and had a long white beard. He told them that he was a god. He said that he had a plan for them. He said that they should go to the mountains. They went to the mountains and found a place that was guarded by two scorpions. Gilgamesh was injured but he was not killed. He passed the mountain and went into darkness. It took Gilgamesh about twelve miles in darkness to finally see some light. There was an island on the outskirts of the light and was surrounded by the ocean that was filled with monsters. Gilgamesh finally made it to the island. On the island there was a little house with a man standing outside. His name was Utnapishtim. He told Gilgamesh "You have to have a god's blessing to be immortal. His holy journey was for nothing. He goes back to Uruk and rules for a long time."

What We Think Will Happen Next:

After Enkidu died, Gilgamesh started trying to become immortal. He started by traveling to the place where the "scorpions" and the "sun" rise. This place was guarded by two scorpions. Gilgamesh was injured but he was not killed. He passed the mountain and went into darkness. It took Gilgamesh about twelve miles in darkness to finally see some light. There was an island on the outskirts of the light and was surrounded by the ocean that was filled with monsters. Gilgamesh finally made it to the island. On the island there was a little house with a man standing outside. His name was Utnapishtim. He told Gilgamesh "You have to have a god's blessing to be immortal. His holy journey was for nothing. He goes back to Uruk and rules for a long time."

New Supply Arriving:

After the earthquake, a new supply of wood is coming. This is good for Uruk because the fishing boat was all gone and Gilgamesh and Enkidu were in the forest. Famous.

Classifieds:

WELDER NEEDED: Welders needed to serve in army world making shields, swords and other weapons.

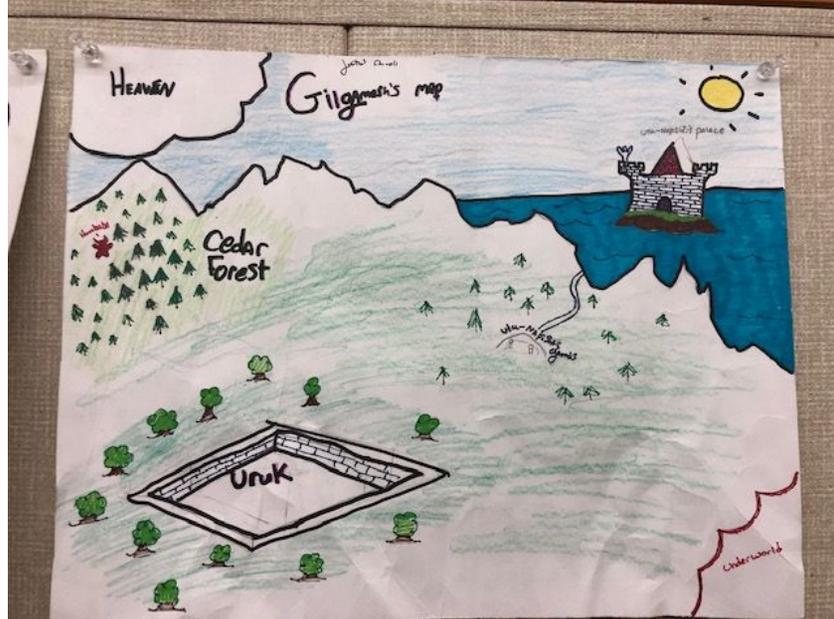
DAM WORKERS NEEDED: Must be able to carry heavy loads and follow orders. Payment of 1 domestic animal completion of job.

Community Service: Volunteers needed to help care for Enkidu's rescued animals.

GILGAMESH WANTS YOU!

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FOCUS ON TOP

...the king of Uruk...
...the goddess Inanna...
...the epic of Gilgamesh...

THE MESOPOTAMIA TIMES

GILGAMESH CONQUERS HUMBABA!

THE DEATH OF ENKIDU

...the king of Uruk...
...the goddess Inanna...
...the epic of Gilgamesh...

MESOPOTAMIA'S BIGGEST NEW HEARTBREAK!

...the king of Uruk...
...the goddess Inanna...
...the epic of Gilgamesh...

MESOPOTAMIA CROSSWORD

Key
1. Uruk
2. Mount Lebanon
3. Uta-napishtim's island

ACROSS

1. The king of Uruk
2. The goddess of love and war
3. The epic of Gilgamesh
4. The goddess of the moon and love

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