



7th & 8th Grade Friday Letter - August 30, 2019

Dear Willow Creek families,

We hope you had a good week! Here's the news from our middle school team:

- Our **Morning Advisory Meetings** have been a huge success! Students seem to be excited to have that chance to check in with teachers and classmates in a smaller setting and we have been able to help students make sure they are more prepared for their academic day!
 - Please remember that attendance is being taken at 8:15 AM. If students can not make it by 8:15 AM, they should first go to the office to get a late pass to be allowed into the classroom.
 - Uniforms are required for all Middle School Students
 - P.E. Uniform Policy has changed. Please reference the Family Handbook for details.
- **7TH GRADE OUTWARD BOUND CAMPING FIELD TRIP**
 - This field trip is coming up soon! Please see the link on the Friday Post page for access to the paperwork. All paperwork is due NO LATER THAN Tuesday, September 3. OB needs time to review the paperwork and reach out with any questions.
 - There is a SPECIAL PARENT MEETING on September 5 @ 5:30 PM in Room 28. This is right before Back to School Night.
 - Sean Altman, Program Director Outward Bound will be there to present and answer questions.

English Language Arts with Ms. Rampulla

Seventh Grade & Eighth Grade: This week, students have been getting to know me and their peers. After reading a “Get to know me” letter, students prepared and wrote a letter following the prompt “what do you want me to know about you?”. This letter, completed over two class periods, is a pre-assessment for informational writing and will be used as a baseline to support students over the course of the school year.

On Thursday, students checked out a book from our in-class library to bring home. Students should be reading half hour every night. Next week we will begin our first reading workshop unit on characterization!

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions: mrampulla@willowcreekacademy.org

I look forward to meeting you all at Back to School Night!

Mathematics with Mr. St. Denny

Welcome to the new school year!

It has been a fun start, and I've enjoyed meeting the new 7th grade class and reconnecting with our 8th graders. The first week-and-a-half has been well spent developing familiarity with routines and procedures, getting to know each other, and attacking some math challenges.

In anticipation of starting the curriculum in earnest next week, we will finish this one making sure that each student has access to their digital resources of google classroom, cpm (the online math book), and dreambox.

Homework

Beginning Monday students will be expected to complete 4 problems from CPM each night M-Th, or 30+ minutes of Dreambox. We will go over specific requirements and grading scales in class and at the parent night.

Please feel free to reach out with questions: sst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org

Science with Mrs. Martinez

7th and 8th Grade:

This week in science we took some to get to know each other and go over some of our classroom procedures and expectations. Through journal writing and discussions we explored the impacts of technology on our way of life and how it might shape our future. Students discussed topics such as the possibility of having flying cars and robots for teachers. We also created our own cyborg designs and shared our favorite science topics to learn about. Looking forward to next week, students will review and practice the "scientific method" recording daily observations and results.

Social Studies with Mr. Baker

7th Grade: WELCOME TO SOCIAL STUDIES WITH MR. BAKER!!!! To begin our school year, we have been spending a lot of time remembering what we've learned in the past, and building up our classroom procedures. Next week, we will begin to us the Google Classroom and Classcraft (ask your kids about it!) to help us learn about the Fall of the Western Roman Empire!

8th Grade: WELCOME BACK!!!! We began our year with a bit of review of what we covered last year and reminding ourselves what it means to be back in school. We also began exploring how music is a reflection of culture and social issues. Next week we will return to the Google Classroom, and begin learning about how the Renaissance influenced change in Europe.

As always, if you need to reach a teacher for any reason, email is best.

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