



7th & 8th Grade Friday Letter - May 31, 2019

Dear Willow Creek families,

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

**Congratulations to our Middle School All-Stars!
Sadie Serotte and Elizabeth de Leon**

**And a huge congratulations to our graduating 8th graders!!
We are looking forward to celebrating with you next week.
All families and friends are welcome to join us at 10:00 on
Wednesday, June 5th in the MPR for our 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony.**

Class Meetings and Film and Lecture Series

Each week, we include a description of our middle school class meeting topics. Middle schoolers meet with their homeroom teachers for class meeting on Monday and Friday afternoons to talk about important social-emotional learning topics and build community. Each month, our 7th and 8th graders come together for a college lecture-style series focused on civil rights, current events, and social issues.

Next week we will continue to discuss goal setting over the summer. Please check in with your students about their class meetings and assemblies. We want to keep these conversations going!

If you have questions about class meetings or social-emotional learning in grades 7 and 8, please reach out to Mr. Baker: rbaker@willowcreekacademy.org.

English Language Arts with Ms. Powers

Seventh Grade: Students continued to analyze and translate *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare. Their final project will be a scene-by scene plot summary. Students began performing their scenes this week.

Eighth Grade: Students continue to expand their poetry portfolio. My hope is that students will gain an appreciation of poetry as an art form because they will understand that poetry surrounds us in our everyday lives. This week students explored Acrostic, Limerick, and Haiku poetry.

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

Mathematics with Mr. St. Denny

7th grade spent the week continuing proportions work by measuring and making comparisons with scaled maps.

8th grade: We continued with measurement, scale, surface area, and volume. We also made progress with composite shapes made from circles, cylinders, spheres, and cones.

As always, please feel free to reach out with questions: [sst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:ssst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org)

Science with Mr. MacDonald

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Students have completed their Eco Dream House project! During this project students learned how to calculate the square footage of their dream houses, design a digital version of their houses, and build a physical model of their houses. As a result of CAASPP testing, not all students were able to complete a physical house. Students are now done with the bulk of their graded work.

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Social Studies with Mr. Baker

7th Grade: Hoping that you all have a wonderful summer! This summer, returning students are asked to read, [A Young Person's History of the United States](#), by Howard Zinn and adapted by Rebecca Stefoff. I will provide each student a copy before the school year ends, but you may want to get your own copy as it is a valuable book and then you can write notes in the actual book.

We are finishing this year with a project, an essay, and a lot of fun! It was an awesome year and we'll see you next August!!!

8th Grade: We are finishing the year with a 16 page booklet and an eight paragraph essay. After that? High School! It has been an amazing year with an amazing group of students! Enjoy your summer and best wishes for high school and beyond!

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

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