



7th & 8th Grade Friday Letter - April 27th, 2018

Announcements

- ★ State Science Testing was this week and we continue next week with CAASPP Testing in Math and ELA. While testing is just that, we want to put our best effort on display so please get some extra sleep and be ready to go next week.

- ★ Congratulations to our **ACADEMIC ALL-STARS** of the week for their leadership both academically and in our WCA community! Your all-stars this week are:
 - 8th Grade - Cassandra
 - 8th Grade - Yasha

English Language Arts with Ms. Powers and Ms. Alagna

7th grade: This week, as students prepare for CAASPP testing, we learned helpful strategies for writing an open response. Together, we brainstormed, planned, and revised our writing. Students also continued reading *Unbroken*.

Next week: Academic Vocabulary and Socratic Seminar

8th grade: It was a pleasure hearing all about the 8th grades adventure on the Outward Bound field trip. Students composed a narrative about their trip and specifically focused on a common theme. As students prepare for CAASPP, we continued to review close reading strategies for informational text and the steps of the writing process by planning and drafting an open response.

Next Week: Introduce short stories unit and academic vocabulary.

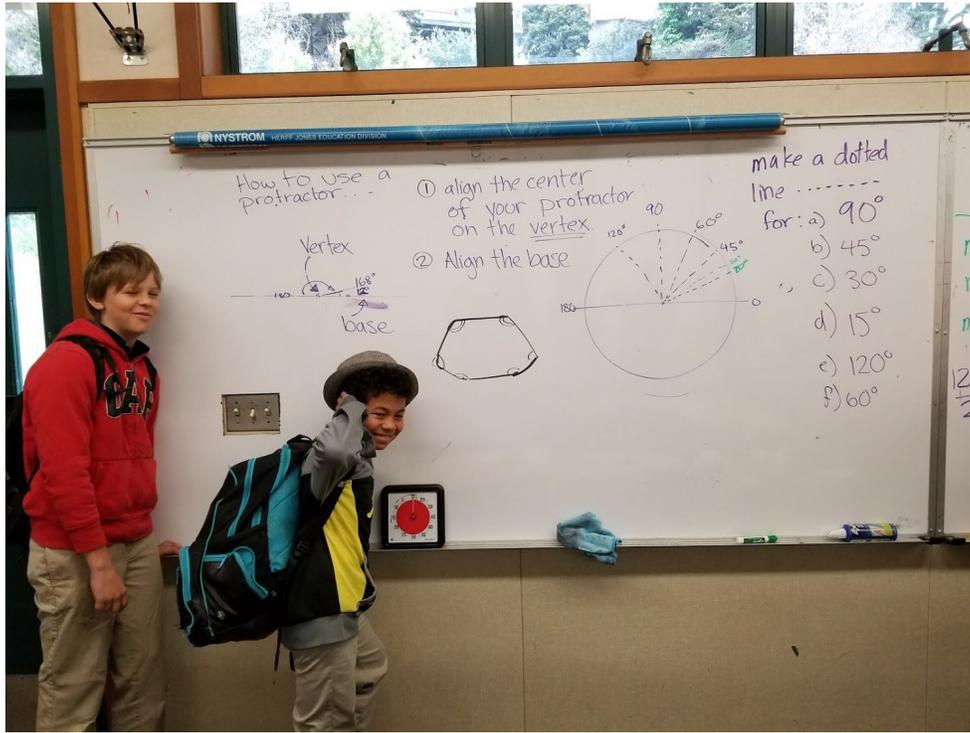
Reminder: Students will be CAASPP testing Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week. Remember to get lots of sleep and have a healthy breakfast on the day of testing! :)

7th and 8th graders: We are still missing a lot of book. Please check at home and return as soon as possible. If you do not return, you will have to pay for replacements. Thank you!

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mathematics with Mr. St. Denny

7th Grade: 7th grade has spent the week learning about angles and angle relationships, including corresponding, supplementary, adjacent, and vertical angles. We also got in some good practice measuring various acute, obtuse, and right that student teams found throughout the math classroom.



8th Grade: Ask your kids how their high school placement exams went! I was very happy to see our preparation pay off as most students felt that the exam was easier than anticipated. We begin state testing in math next week.

As always, don't hesitate to email me at sst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org

SCIENCE with Mr. Devol

7th Grade: This week the 7th graders wrapped up their unit on evolution and began to explore the evidence that leads us to evolution as an explanation for the differences in species.

Next Week: Finish EVOLUTION and dragon genetics.

8th Grade: Backpacking this week.

Next Week: Review for State Science Testing and then Tuesday, Thursday and Friday we are testing!

Social Studies with Mr. Baker

7th Grade: This week we learned about the Japanese Feudal system and are preparing to write our midterm essays next week about Medieval China and Japan.

8th Grade: Students are returning today from Outward Bound Camping! Students who did not attend worked on an individual research project on a topic from 19th century American history.

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

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