



7th & 8th Grade Friday Letter - June 1, 2018

Announcements

- ★ Great job with our testing focus! We wrapped up testing this week and students are ready to get back to the regular schedule.

- ★ Congratulations to our **ACADEMIC ALL-STARS** of the week! These students displayed leadership both academically and in our WCA community! Your all-stars this week are:
 - 8th Grade - Austin Crump
 - 8th Grade - Lashanti Walker

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 narratives about their trip and specifically focused on a common theme. As students prepared 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.

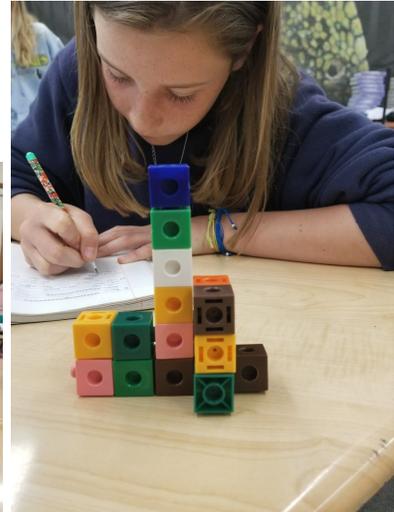
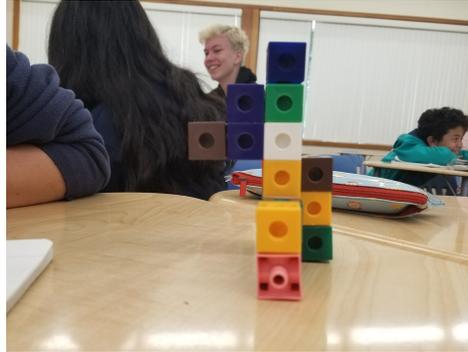
Reminder: Students will be CAASPP testing Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week. Remember to get lots of sleep and have a healthy breakfast on the day of testing! :)

7th and 8th graders: We are still missing a lot of books. Please check at home and return them as soon as possible. If you do not return them, 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: We were working on geometry this week, expanding from finding surface area by drawing front, side, and top views, to stacking 2D shapes to find the volume of prisms and cylinders.



8th Grade:

The major question this week was, “How much would it cost to wrap my car in Luis Vuitton leather.” The exploration combined working with composite shapes, using scale factor in two dimensions, organizing information, and perseverance. All they really had to work with were a couple of images, measurement tools, and their brains. It was really cool to verify measurements on the actual car and see students on-paper predictions come within an inch of the real-world dimensions.

As always, don't hesitate to email me at [sst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:ssst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org)

SCIENCE with Mr. Devol

7th Grade and 8th Grade:

We wrapped up testing this week and students are in the last stages of their 20% projects. Next week we present what all of our hard work yields which is always fun and exciting. Here is a small sample size of what students are covering:

- A new version of the **FLASHLIGHT**,
- A better way to make and use **BABY WIPES**,
- A **MAGNETIC MOTOR**,
- PAINT MADE OUT OF EGG**,

A better way to **EXERCISE** and **A REAL, WORKING HOLOGRAM MADE OUT OF A CD COVER...** just to mention a few. Students really buy in to this project which is useful way beyond the classroom.

Next Week: Final Presentations: 20% project

Social Studies with Mr. Baker

7th Grade: Our final assignments are the In Class Final essay that students completed this week, and next week we will have our open journal final exam. Have a Great Summer and we'll see you next year!!!

8th Grade: Our last assignment is a 16 page booklet on something we learned this year. I can not say how much I will miss this class. Good luck and Godspeed on your new Journeys!!!!

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

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