



7th & 8th Grade Friday Letter - May 11th, 2018

Announcements

- ★ State Testing continued this week and will pick up again next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 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:
 - 6th Grade - Makena Anderson
 - 6th Grade - Trinity Chancellor

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: CAASPP testing is making for an interesting schedule. In a non math related highlight, 7a did some self reflection on extracurricular activities and how they might hope to build out their college application resumes.

8th Grade: Big highlight was sending off several Algebra students to Tam and Redwood to take their shot at the Honors Geometry placement test. Whether or not they make the cut, they have impressed me greatly over the past year, and it was great to know that so many of our kids had a legitimate shot!

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

SCIENCE with Mr. Devol

7th Grade:

Testing this week and then... What in the world are we drinking? Is the water you drink "safe"? How much chlorine can you safely have in your water? As a class, both 7A and 7B determined that while it isn't "safe" to drink, the water in the creek is safe, clean and a good place for animals to thrive.

Next Week: 20% project (end of the year project).

8th Grade: Testing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week while also working on our year-end project. Students are designing a project around things that interest them and areas they wish to pursue for a career and life!

Next Week: 20% project continues.

Social Studies with Mr. Baker

7th Grade: Due to testing, this week we had one class testing and the other class exploring the Aztec. Next week, we'll go deeper into the Daily Life in Tenochtitlan and how it all changed with the Spanish Explorers.

8th Grade: Each group gave awesome presentations about Westward expansion. Next week, we will explore the final decades before the Civil War.

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

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