

LEVEL 3 NEWS

Friday, September 1, 2017

ROPES Course: NEW DATES
Sept. 6-7
(Next Weds and Thurs)

ROPES PACKING LIST

(also on level 3678.com

under "Trips->ROPES Packing List")

- pajamas/sleep clothes
- towel and washcloth
- loose fitting and comfortable clothes, such as shorts and t-shirts (stuff you can climb in)
- sneakers AND sandals
- socks -**3** pairs

SWIMSUIT

- sleeping bag OR sheets and a pillowcase
- toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, shampoo, deodorant, soap...)
- hat
- rain poncho
- water bottle
- flashlight
- bug spray
- sunscreen
- NO Jewelry OR Dark Heavy Clothes, PLEASE**

Academics

Sixth Grade News

The orientation work plan is about to be completed. The students are now familiar with our daily schedules, classroom procedures, and the L3 environment. Everyone has settled into the work cycles and are being challenged with assignments. Our walls are currently decorated with posters about animal species that are not native to Florida. This is an activity that encourages skills in research and using the computer. We began Geometry lessons with a review of regular polygons and the etymology of their names. We look forward to Ropes Course and beginning a new work cycle.

Seventh/Eighth News

In Personal World, students read pp. 3-9 in *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens*. They chose among several questions to respond to in their journals about their own habits. Students also had the option of participating in a mindfulness meditation. The students who chose it found it to be a very peaceful experience. If you are interested in trying it, you can find it at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6p_yaNFSYao

This week our seventh and eighth grade students had a lesson on revisions, which they are applying to the draft of their free writing piece from last week. When we talk about revisions, we are talking about serious rewriting –not just editing! Students must do two revisions of their draft. For their first revision, they must write the piece in a different genre. (For example, if the piece is in prose, they may rewrite it as a poem, a dialogue, a series of correspondences, etc.) For the second revision, they may either change “the lead” (opening) or change the order in which they reveal events. After revisions, students decide on a final form, which is often a hybrid. The next step is editing, which will take them to their polished copy.

As part of their literature work, seventh and eighth grade students worked in small groups to discuss and write about the issues hiding in the text in “The Stolen Party,” a short story by Liliana Heker. They also gathered in small groups to create graphic organizer posters of the books they had read over summer.

Each student received a print-out of missing assignments from our Orientation cycle, so everyone is aware of what they must finish. If there is any doubt or confusion, students and parents can check their work on Thinkwave.

This coming Tuesday, we will begin Cycle 1, the theme of which is “Connections and Origins.” The science portion of our cycle will cover “molecules of life,” the eukaryote cell, and life energy processes (respiration, photosynthesis, glycolysis, and fermentation).

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Check our Level 3 Website for:

Daily Homework
Weekly Work Assignments
Packing Lists for Trips
...and much more.

<http://www.level3678.com/>

Questions?

PARENTS AND STUDENTS: We encourage you to contact us with any questions and concerns. The best time to call us is in the evening; alternatively, you can email or text us any time:

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♥ *Level 3 Families, we are always grateful for all you contribute to our middle school program.* ♥

Mark Your Calendars

No School (Labor Day).....Monday, Sept. 4
Cycle 1 Begins.....Tuesday, Sept. 5
ROPES Course.....September 6-7
Down Payment for Heifer Ranch Trip.....Sept. 15
LEVEL 3 Potluck and Parent Education.....Oct. 3
NO SCHOOL.....Oct. 12-13
LEVEL 3 Camping Trip.....Oct. 17-19

Regularly Scheduled:)

- Tuesday Tutorials...3:15-4:30 PM
- Wednesday MATHCOUNTS.....3:15-4:15 PM

BIG TRIP: Heifer Ranch

DATE April 29-May 4

First Trip Deposit \$100 → DUE SEPT. 15

The Level 3 Team:

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L3 Newsletter by E-mail

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