Academics

We are fully immersed in the history of immigration and immigrants to the U.S.! In addition to background readings, students also saw a video on immigration history and they participated in small group discussions of the Emma Lazarus poem at the base of the statue of liberty and its relevance today. We’ve all been fascinated by the presentation of the students’ family trees and many of the amazing stories that truly illustrate how our ancestors' lives are the fabric of history. It's illuminating to see how many immigrants in each of the students' family trees coincide with the major waves of immigration we’ve been studying.

This past Monday, we finally participated in our cross-cultural simulation, known as RaFa RaFa. First, we established the premises and rules upon which each culture was based. The two groups “practiced” their cultural habits separately. Then, without a common language, ambassadors visited the other culture, then described to their own culture what they saw, and how they interpreted it. After several visits, we ended the simulation and debriefed. The debrief was fascinating, as we saw first hand how cultural clues can be quickly misconstrued by outsiders, and how assumptions based on our own culture don’t necessarily translate well into other cultures. We also discussed how different cultural values affect behaviors.

We would like to encourage students to take time to read their thematic novels outside of school, as well as during school hours. Thematic novels for Cycle 3 are Fahrenheit 451, A Separate Peace, Farewell to Manzanar, and Freak the Mighty.

Next Friday, students will have a test on Oceania. The study notes are posted on google classroom:

https://classroom.google.com/w/Mzc1NjM0Mzg3MjRa/t/all
Family Trees
GOLF LESSONS!

The Center has purchased several pieces of golf equipment. In the pictures below, Beronica teaches the students proper putting technique.

Thank you to...

❤️ Kris Fleddermann, for picking up our Panera/Chipotle lunch order.
❤️ Vallerie Caamano, for picking up our Chick-fil-A lunch order.
Level 3 Families, we are always grateful for all you contribute to our middle school program.

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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Mark Your Calendars

School-Wide Celebration...............................................................Friday, February 28
Spring Break....................................................................................March 16-20
No School: Teacher Work Day......................................................Monday, March 23
Spring Fling....................................................................................Saturday, March 28
Frozen Jr. Musical...........................................................................Tuesday, April 7
Stanford Achievement Testing.....................................................April 14-17
Spring Band Concert.......................................................................April 30
Geometry EOC Test.................................................................May 5 and 6
Algebra EOC Test................................................................. May 14 and 15
Seventh and Eighth Grade Internships.........................................May 11-15
Level 3 Wilderness Adventure Trip..............................................May 16-20

Regularly Scheduled:

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

Wednesday - Mathcounts/Math Help ..........3:15 - 4 PM PM
-The Level 3 Team  (Robin, Deana, Erica, and  Beronica)

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