Academics

We’ve begun the Social World (social studies) portion of Cycle 3, which will focus on two aspects of our national identity: The history of immigrants to the US, and the US Civil War (1861-1865). Students received a comprehensive lesson on human migration and its causes and effect, and they are currently working on a substantial reading and questions packet on the history of immigrants to the United States. As part of the Social World work this cycle, seventh and eighth grade students will each be making a family tree, with focus on immigrants in their families. Students will need to interview parents, grandparents, and other family members to complete this project. We encourage students to include copies of old pictures in their family trees.

Our science work for Cycle 3 wrapped up with a lab activity in which we extracted DNA from strawberries. At this point in time, all of the 8th grade students and several seventh graders have taken the entire Cycle 3 science test. The rest of the seventh graders have taken the first half of the science test and will take the second half on Monday.

Study Notes can be found at: https://classroom.google.com/w/Mzc1NjMxMjA4NDda/t/all Links to helpful review videos are also posted on google classroom: https://classroom.google.com/w/Mzc1NjMxMjA4NDda/t/all

Seventh and eighth graders are now reading and writing responses for their choice of thematic novel for Cycle 3: Fahrenheit 451, A Separate Peace, Farewell to Manzanar, and Freak the Mighty.

We continued our study of Oceania as part of our Geography and Current Events work this week, as we learned about the International Date Line and how it has moved in the past 25 years to accommodate nations in the Pacific region. (The island nation of Kiribati adjusted the International Dateline in 1994 so it would not cut through their country. The International Dateline was also moved by Samoa and Tokelau in 2011, in order to place both countries on the opposite side, to be more in sync with their biggest trading partner, New Zealand.) As our art activity last week, we examined Polynesian art, and students tried their hand at creating bold black and white Polynesian style designs.
Our Personal World work this week overlaps with Social World, as our students participate in a cross-cultural simulation this afternoon.

DNA EXTRACTION:

POLYNESIAN ART:
Thank you ♥

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 17-2

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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