

LEVEL 3 NEWS

April 20, 2018



Spring Fling Projects Made by Level 3: Sixth Grade Mosaic (on right); Seventh & Eighth Stained Glass "World City" (on left).

ACADEMICS

SIXTH GRADE

It's nice to be back to our regular classroom schedule after testing last week. We had some really incredible work times. For our science lesson we have moved on from density to surface tension. The students are responsible for researching surface tension and coming up with a demonstration and lesson to present to the class. The students are finding our current novel, *The Devil's Arithmetic*, an interesting read. It has introduced the Holocaust to many of the students and some of them are seeking out more information on this sad time in history. We are continuing to work on a five paragraph essay. We had a lesson on transitions and supporting details. Our math lesson includes English capacity. Students reviewed the measurements of ounces, cups, pints, quarts, and gallons.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE

Economics, the Great Depression, capitalism, communism, and socialism have been our focus since starting the Social World last week. Students have had lessons on different economic systems, and watched *The Kingdom of Mocha*, an entertaining animated film about the economic growth and tribulations of the land of Mocha as it goes from a barter system to a monetary system, and experiences ups and downs of supply and demand. Students also had lessons on the economic systems in communism, socialism, and capitalism, all of which resulted in lively discussions.

This cycle seventh and eighth graders are all reading the same thematic novel: *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The responses are due on Tuesdays and Fridays, which is also when students have a quiz on an assigned section of the book. The students had their first quiz and turned in their first response today. For some of our students, this book is a new level of reading challenge; this often entails slower reading at first, as well as re-reading passages. We encourage students who are struggling with the book to block out a daily reading time at home each day, in a quiet place to master this new level of challenge.

In Personal World, we had a lesson on the brain's executive functions and how they are a more accurate indicator of future success than grades or intelligence. We also discussed how adolescence is a period when the brain is highly receptive to growth in these areas.

7th and 8th Grade Internships

Unlike 6th grade, 7th and 8th grade students do their internships outside of our school. They instead go to organizations and businesses in our community. Seventh and eighth graders have had a presentation and discussions on the internship process. We've been encouraging our students to actively checking options and planning. Be on the lookout this weekend for a more detailed email about 7th and 8th grade internships.

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION

Our eighth grade graduation is an important rite of passage for our Level 3 community. As a community, we have worked hard and played hard together. We've lived through and learned from each other's mistakes and our own, and have evolved in the process. Each person in Level 3 has invested a lot in our community, so it is natural that we share the greatest rite of passage we have: graduation from eighth grade. Attendance at graduation is therefore mandatory for ALL Level 3 students.

Graduation this year will be at Bayshore High School. We look forward to seeing all of our Level 3 students there (and as many parents who wish to come, as well).

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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- Kristine Fleddermann, her continued help with shopping for our snack business and hot lunch program!

Level 3 Families, we are always grateful for all that you do!

Mark Your Calendars

Spring Band Concert.....Thurs., April 26

BIG TRIP: Heifer Ranch.....April 29-May 4

Level 3 Internships..... May 14-18

8th Grade Graduation.....Thursday, May 24

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

The Level 3 Team:

-Robin, Deana, Erica, and Beronica

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