

LEVEL 3 NEWS 8-25-17

ROPES Course: Aug. 29 & 30
Payment Due Now: \$195

BIG TRIP: Heifer Ranch
DATE April 29-May 4
First Trip Deposit \$100 → DUE SEPT. 15

ROPES PACKING LIST

(also on level 3678.com under "Trips->ROPES Packing List")

-pajamas/sleep clothes

-hat

-towel and washcloth

-rain poncho

-loose fitting and comfortable clothes, such as shorts and t-shirts (stuff you can climb in)

-water bottle

-sneakers AND sandals

-flashlight

-socks -2 pairs

-bug spray

-sunscreen

SWIMSUIT

-NO Jewelry OR Dark Heavy Clothes, PLEASE

-sleeping bag OR sheets and a pillowcase

-toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, shampoo, deodorant, soap...)

Academics

Sixth Grade News

This week we jumped right into our work plan. The students chose their vocabulary books and had a pre-test on Monday. They had an opportunity to practice some of their spelling words in their spelling notebook. They started working in their History Reading Comprehension books. They watched a movie about invasive species, then researched animals in Florida that are not native to our state. They created "Wanted" posters with information about where they were originally from and why they are a problem in Florida. Our first group lesson was on Base 10. They have settled into our classroom environment and are creating a wonderful community.

Seventh/Eighth News

This week our seventh and eighth grade students continued to work on self inventories, in order to know themselves better as learners. Students took an inventory on The Eight Intelligences, and another on their study habits and patterns. We also had an overview lesson on *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, a book we will be reading as part of Personal World this year.

Our seventh and eighth grade students have had a number of language lessons this week. We've had a lesson on the writing process, from seed ideas to finished product, and we had a lesson on Apprentice Sentences, which is a core language activity for seventh and eighth grade. (Apprentice Sentence work involves taking a short excerpt -usually a sentence- from a piece of great literature, breaking it into sections and analyzing the grammatical patterns, and finally, composing a sentence of your own which follows the same structure.) Seventh and eighth grade students also had a literature lesson on issues hiding in the text (gleaned through the subtext). And students had their first vocabulary test.

In addition to our eclipse and sun lessons, we also had a lesson on the timeline of the universe, and how we connect our cycle themes to it this year.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE!

This year, Level 3 will be participating in the First Lego League, a coding and robotics club using the LEGO Mindstorms EV 3 system. As part of the First LEGO League, groups will be assigned a real world, science-related challenge which they will research. The team will then construct and program a robotic system to solve the challenge. The challenge this year will involve hydrodynamics.

We will be announcing the first meeting soon!

(NOTE: There will be a participation fee.)

Eclipse Extravaganza

We had such a great time on the day of the eclipse! We began our day with lessons on the eclipse, on layers of the sun, and on retinal damage that is caused by looking at the sun with unprotected eyes. Some students chose to make pin hole viewers as a science activity, and we set up our reflector telescope to project the image of the sun on a little screen.

We took our first look at the eclipse around 1:30 PM, shortly after it started, and we were all thrilled. Throughout the afternoon, we stepped out periodically to watch the eclipse's progress, and we ate moonpies and sunchips to commemorate the occasion!

YOUR USED ECLIPSE GLASSES: We are collecting our used solar glasses to donate to science education organizations who will then distribute the glasses to students for the 2019 solar eclipse that will pass through Peru and other South American countries.

Geraldson's Farm Community Service

We will go on our first Geraldson's trip on **Friday, Sept. 1, from 9:30- 1:30 PM**. Students will bring a packed lunch that day.

The Level 3 Site: a Go-to Resource

Check our Level 3 Website for:

Daily Homework

Weekly Work Assignments

Packing Lists for Trips

...and much more.

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

BIG TRIP: Heifer Ranch Perryville, Arkansas

Located in central Arkansas, Heifer Ranch is an educational farm with hands-on, interactive programs and activities promoting sustainable solutions to global hunger, poverty and environmental degradation. The 1,200-acre Heifer Ranch is filled with gardens, fields, woods, ponds, and livestock, including [goats](#), [pigs](#), [llamas](#) and more. This will be our second trip to Heifer Ranch.

The initial deposit of \$100 (which will function as your trip commitment) is due September 15.

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:

Robin redidin@gmail.com

941-544-5617 (cell)

Deana dreemelin@yahoo.com

941-744-0126 (cell)

Beronica charvero.14@gmail.com

941-586-9024 (cell)

Erica **941-266-7636 (cell)**

Thank You to....

• Jack and Rachael Jensen's family, for donating some great novels to our library.

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

Mark Your Calendars

ROPES.....Tues. Aug. 29 – Weds., Aug.
30

No School (Labor Day).....Monday,
Sept. 4

Geraldson's Community Service.....Friday,
Sept. 1

Regularly Scheduled:

•Tuesday Tutorials...7:30-8:15 AM (by appointment only)

•Tuesday Tutorials...3:15-4:30 PM

•Wednesday MATHCOUNTS.....3:15–4:15 PM

The Level 3 Team: -Robin, Deana, Erica, and Beronica,
L3 Newsletter by E-mail

Please send any email address changes and updates to: redidin@gmail.com