

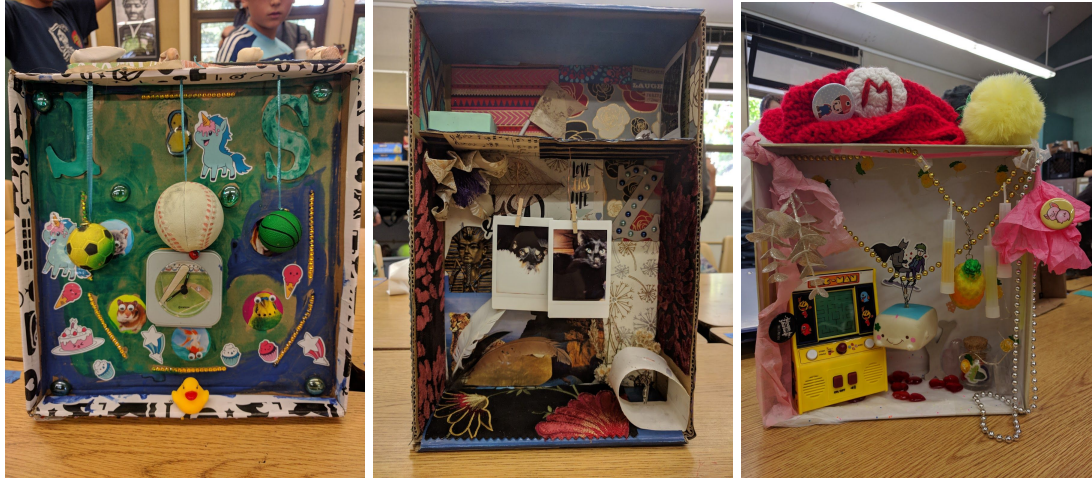
QHIA Weekly Update: August 31, 2018

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Hello families,

We packed a lot in to this busy week! Below is a summary of what we did together:

- Inspirational Math: Short videos on growth mindset, etc. Folding Geometry, Fibonacci and Pascal's Triangle, Growing Shapes. website: [YouCubed: Week of Inspirational Math](#)
- Why Study History? The significance of quotes from historical people of influence, discussion, brainstorming, sharing. Mini-Bios on Katherine Johnson, who celebrated her 100th birthday last week, and John McCain
[Katherine Johnson](#)
[John Green's Open Letter to Students](#)
- Speed Date with a book!: Students sat at one of 13 book "piles" by genre, and browsed through them quietly. After 5 minutes, they had to leave the books behind, writing down on a bookmark the ones they found interesting. Off they went to another "pile" of their own choosing. All students were successful in finding at least two books they are interested in reading :)
- CK12 Earth Science: students learned how to log in to the Earth Science class and we practiced the many ways that we will use CK12, google docs, and notebooks to complete assignments. *If students forget how to begin, direct them to an email I sent them called "CK12 Login".
- Shakespeare/Romeo and Juliet Intro: We had a great time viewing short film clips about the life of Shakespeare, the power of Iambic Pentameter, the appeal of Romeo and Juliet, and a synopsis of the plot. Here are links to the videos. They are wonderful! We only watched clips from the longer ones, yet we highly recommend watching the full length versions at any time.
[Shakespeare in the Classroom](#)
[Iambic Pentameter](#)

[Animated R & J Synopsis](#)
[Hip Hop and Shakespeare](#)

- VAPA: Finished Curiosity Boxes and Hopes and Dreams/Goals wall, Improv Games
- Math Benchmarks

***A Note about Math Benchmarks**

We spend a lot of time explaining, gently reminding, that it is not summative; that the benchmark is not a test, yet has questions that cover the whole year's content, and they are not supposed to know everything on it. In fact, they may only know how to answer 4 or 5 questions, and then leave the rest blank. This is their "starting place" and they have all year to learn math concepts that they see on the benchmark. Having said that, we also know that many at this age feel a self-esteem "hit" sneak in when they take this type of assessment. They all did a wonderful job, and we just want to reaffirm that we individualize the math, and will work on concepts that our students are ready to learn, and that there is plenty of time :)

~If your student brought their benchmark home, please make sure they bring it back on Wednesday morning

Announcements:

QHIA Booster Club

Dear QHIA families,

QHIA Family Booster club is an integral part of the QHIA program. The Booster club is a way for parents to organize to help support the amazing visions of our fearless leaders, Amber and Marie. Our main support will be through fundraising, volunteering and donating.

Throughout the year, we will have meetings and many volunteer opportunities. Also, we will have an email group so that we can all stay abreast of these meetings and opportunities as well as be able to communicate ideas for fundraising.

The default will be for everyone to be in the QHIA Family Booster Club email group. Please let me know if you would rather not be included and I will remove your name from the list.

Our first meeting will be held from 1:30-2:30 on Monday, Sept. 10, in one of the QHIA classrooms. We will be discussing fundraising ideas and electing officials (pres, vp, treasurer, secretary). If you cannot make this meeting, but you would like to volunteer for a position or you have fundraising ideas, please let us know.

Thank you,
Rachael Hughes
Parent

Charter Parent Advisory Committee: First Meeting, Wed. 9/12, 3:00-4:00 pm.

From Rhonda:

Parent voice is very important to Charter Schools!

I count on the Parent Advisory Committee to provide input regarding our programs and their unique needs as seen from a parents perspective. I also need parent input in reviewing and understanding the business and foundational aspects that are required to keep our Charter school running smoothly to provide the support our student population needs. This includes understanding how our budget works, our accountability requirements for State and Local Assessments, learning about our Charter Petition, and discussing ways to better support our students' academic and social-emotional needs, from Kindergarten through High School. *Please come to this meeting and learn more about the Charter. Come to tell me what is important to you. I would like to have representation from every program on the Parent Advisory Committee.*

Next Week:

Monday, Sept. 3: No School: Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 4: Field Trip to SC Shakespeare's production of **Romeo & Juliet**. **Meet at the QH parking lot at 8:30 unless you've communicated other arrangements with Amber** *Refer to separate email sent earlier this week for directions, details, etc.

Friday, Sept. 7: All Charter Capture the Flag at Quail Hollow Ranch from 10:30-12:30

*This is not a drop off event, yet a fun optional event to attend and have fun with students of all ages from our other charter programs. Students may attend without their parent if they have made arrangements with another parent to be responsible for them.

Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, Sept. 26: Character Day

Thursday, October 4: Picture Day

Friday, October 5: Capture the Flag

Thursdays/Fridays: Oct. 4, Oct.18, Oct. 12, Oct. 26/3-4:30pm

Tuesday, October 9: All Charter Play Info Mtg. 3pm

Thursday, October 11: Vision & Hearing Screening

Friday, October 12: All Charter Skate Day

Mondays/Tuesdays, Oct. 15, 16, 22, 23: Charter Play Auditions

Friday, October 19: NO SCHOOL for students - Professional Development Day

Saturday, October 27: Thrill the World Event in Santa Cruz

Friday, November 9: K-8 Charter Science Fair

Reminders:

*Sign up for your conference with Marie or Amber

[Marie's Fall 2018 Family Conference Schedule](#)

[Amber's Fall 2018 Family Conference Schedule](#)

*send students with a lunch and full water bottle each day

Weekly Snacks: Please sign up (Thank you Kate and Michelle!)
[QHIA Snack Sign Up](#)

As always, thank you for sharing your students with us.

~Amber & Marie

All important info, including **All Student Assignments and our calendar of events**, are accessible at any time here. Just click on this link: [QHIA Website](#)