

QHIA Weekly Update: February 3, 2017

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Hello families,

Thank you to those of you who made it to our parent meeting, I know it is difficult to find a time that works for everyone. Some important topics were the following:

- End of the year advancement: looking into Camp Campbell. Camp Hammer is currently in the middle of a construction project, therefore unavailable
- End of the year camping trip at Sunset Beach in May
- “Teen Talk” Sexual Health Unit: I will be having a parent meeting in March to go over the material in detail so parents are fully informed as to what the curriculum involves

We have had a few students and parents come and observe portions of our day together. The students have been so welcoming. **On Monday, we welcome new student, Rowan Buchanan, and her mom, Leslie. They were in our charter last year.**

Please read to the bottom so you don't miss out on important info!

Homework:

For students who haven't finished the work in class, they need to make sure they have 10 story starts written by Tuesday and shared with me via google doc. Each story start is only 1 sentence long. In addition, please check their ck12 math and science.

Coming Up Next Week:

Monday, Feb. 27: Yoga with Mary Zehr from 1:00-2:15. Please send students with comfortable clothing that they can move freely in, and a yoga mat

Thursday, March 2 from 9:30-10:15: Jennifer Kelly will come and present some information to our middle school students regarding high school and beyond, focusing on the following goals: academic, personal/social, and college/career. If you feel that your 6th grader does not need to be present, go ahead and arrive at 10:15.

Classroom Snack Sign Up:

Thank you to Shauna Reisewitz for providing snacks for our students last week (the students loved the fruit bites) and thank you to those who are signing up for the weeks ahead. We appreciate it!

Please use the following link to sign up to bring a snack for the week. Make sure whatever you bring, there is enough for 25 students. [QHIA Snack Sign Up](#)

Coming Up in March:

Wednesday, March 8: Screenagers at 7pm at the SLV PAC

Tuesday, March 14: Charter Info Night. SLVMS Library 6-7:30pm. *8th grade parents are definitely invited to hear about Coast Redwood High School

April 3-7: Spring Break

April 24-28: QH site CAASPP State Testing Week

May 8-12: Charter Play Performance Week

May 24 & 25: Charter Talent Show Dress Rehearsal and Performance

Update for Feb. 20-24

Math and Science

CK12 and focused content packets for various students. We focused on acceleration, force, gravity, and orbital velocity. Here are some links to a few videos we watched, including one on the physics of ballet. We also worked in teams on our scale models of the PAC. Students used ratios to determine the appropriate scale and size for their models. I also shared the current topic of NASA discovering 7 planets in the constellation, Aquarius, that all orbit around a single star; 3 of which are in the “habitable zone” possibly having surface water, and all 7 are rocky and earthlike. This began an extremely exciting conversation that went on for almost 30 minutes! The students had so many exciting theories about what this could mean.

<https://youtu.be/GmIMV7bA0TM>

<https://youtu.be/aJc4DEkSq4I>

<https://youtu.be/l5VgOdgptRg>

<https://youtu.be/BYBlwmQtA7c>

<https://youtu.be/Jt2dGlfE4Z0>

American History

We continued to work in our History notebooks, adding information about governmental checks and balances between the 3 branches of our government, and gave examples of instances when these checks and balances have occurred during the last 5-8 years.

ELA

We continued with our short story genre, using another writing strategy to effectively show characters’ primary traits without saying it, such as “she was brave.” Students picked one of the characters from their “When/Where/Who/What list and wrote a short scene that showed this character’s trait. I read “A Strange Day in July” from *The Chronicles of Harrison Burdick*.

Thank you for sharing your students with me!

Sincerely,

Amber

All important info, including All Student Assignments and our calendar of events, will be accessible at any time here. Just click on this link:

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