

Weekly News

Jade Class



OCTOBER 6, 2011

Jade Café

Jade Café will be opening for morning service beginning October 14th. We will be serving muffins and hot drinks. All items will be sold for \$1 apiece.

The Café is the hub of our student run business this year. All proceeds from the Café go toward offsetting the costs of our field trips.

Next week check in with your student about when they will be scheduled to work in the morning. A.M. Café shifts will be from 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m .

Recycling

To date, our recycling program is generating an average of about \$10 a week (not including a large generous donation that was made last week). You can help our fundraising efforts by saving CRV recyclables at home and collecting bottles and cans at work. Remember, every penny counts!

Student Lead Conferences

Next week we will begin meeting with parents and students for Fall Conferences. These meetings are important for celebrating the accomplishments of the first Cycle and setting goals for improvement for the upcoming months.

Student participation in these conferences is incredibly important, so please be sure to sign up for a time that both you and your student are available.

This year we are trying a new online system for conference sign-ups. You can reserve a time at [HERE](#). If you are unable to sign up for a time online, please contact us so that we can arrange a time to meet. Our goal is 100% participation for Fall Conferences.



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Recycling Drop Off

Fridays

7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

and

2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aquatic Center Field Trip

October 7

Cycle 2 Starts

October 10

Fall Conferences/Minimum Days

October 12-14

WISH LIST

- ◆ 3x5 Index Cards (white)
- ◆ Vacuum Cleaner
- ◆ Large Area Rugs (see teacher for details)
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Scotch Tape
- ◆ Disinfecting Wipes
- ◆ 2 Staplers
- ◆ Handheld pencils sharpeners

Conference Sign-Ups

www.mysignup.com/jade_fall11

Quote of the Week

It's lack of faith that makes people afraid of meeting challenges, and I believed in myself.

- Muhammad Ali

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Thank You!

Mike Nickles for donating over \$300 worth of recyclables!

Students and families who helped during the Walk-a-Thon.

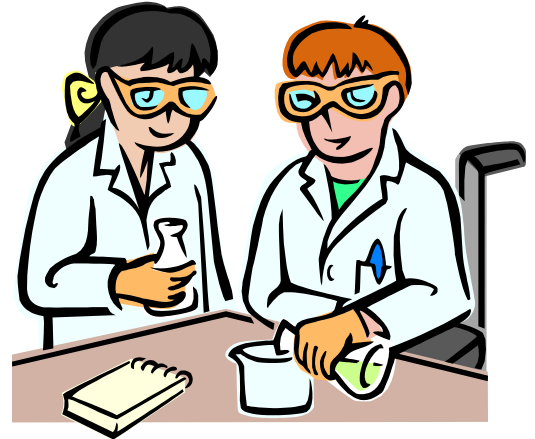
Sincerely,
The Jade Community

Curriculum Highlight: **Natural World**



Over the last two weeks our class has enjoyed exciting labs, including making s'mores and experimenting with dry ice.

Starting this week, students are starting their study of elements and the Periodic Table. The class has been working on a week long project that allows them to learn about two different elements. Over the next couple of weeks, we will continue our study of how the Table was constructed, the different categories of elements, and how they interact.



Please Read: Socratic Seminars (rerun from last week because it's **that** important)

Part of our Personal World curriculum this year involves a method of discussion called Socratic Seminar.

The purpose of a Socratic Seminar is to provoke thought, dialogue, and ownership for learning. In the Seminar, participants question and examine issues and principles related to particular content, and articulate different points of view.

In a Socratic Seminar, the students are responsible for the quality of the discussion. Good discussions occur when participants study the text closely in advance, listen actively, share their ideas and questions in response to the ideas and

questions of others. The discussion is not about right answers; it is not a debate. Students are encouraged to think out loud and to exchange ideas openly while examining ideas in a

rigorous, thoughtful, manner (Socratic Seminar, 2008).

In preparation for these seminars students will be given a text that they will be expected to read and annotate. Many of the issues facing Middle School students today may be considered controversial or sensitive in nature. As such, we will be posting the reading for each week's readings on our class web page the Friday before the Seminar. We ask that you read over the reading before the Seminar and come to us (the teachers) with any comments or questions you may have. Thank you.

Socratic Seminar. (2008, October 5). Retrieved from NWABR.org: <http://nwabr.org/sites/default/files/learn/ethicsprimer/SocSem.pdf>



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