

Maple Class News

September 21, 2011

Mrs. Rogers

Mrs. Gerstle

Meet the Author

Mrs. Gerstle has spent the last three Friday afternoons reading, leading group discussions, and having the students write about the topic of racism. She read the short story "Barking at the Moon" to the students, about a young girl and her first experience with racism in the 1960's. The story was written by author Mary Maaga. Mary is a local resident in Cameron Park, with a PhD in Religion and Society from Drew University. She has just finished writing her first novel that is set to be released in the fall of 2011.

Mrs. Maaga came to the Maple class Friday, September 16 for a "Meet the Author" day. The students were able to hear firsthand about her personal experiences with racism (being married to a black man) and the things that have inspired her as a person and an author. She even shared a few paragraphs from her work in progress on the sequel to the story



“Barking at the Moon”. It was a great opportunity for the students to ask questions, get information, and provide input for her sequel. She will return in a few months to update us and share her progress. It was clear that many students were inspired by what they heard. Be sure to ask your child about this discussion. Thank you Mrs. Maago and Mrs. Gerstle!

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.

Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Maple News by Kyle L.

The Maple class has completed their GATs (assessments taken at the beginning and end of the school year). The cross country team recently had a meet. Andrew (a Maple student) did well in his age division as did the rest of the team. Students are having a great time in Maple!

Special Person—Bailee

Bailee is a fifth grade girl who likes cats. She loves to ride her quad and go camping with her family.



Homework

Spelling = Lesson 3

5th grade Math = 4 pages from the “Key to” book

6th grade Math = daily assignments

Dates to Remember

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| Sept 21 | International Day of Peace |
| Sept 23 | \$25 Non-refundable deposit due for Coloma (4th/5th grade) and Marin Headlands (6th grade) field trips |
| Sept 23 | Homework Due |
| Sept 23 | Minimum Day—11:45 Release |
| Sept 23 | Boeger Parent Social |
| Sept 30 | Completed Chaperone Interest forms due & requirements up to date |

Please remember to also review the campus newsletter and monthly calendar for more details.

“Peace is its own reward.”
Mahatma Ghandi