

Maple Class News

October 12, 2011

Mrs. Rogers

Mrs. Gerstle

New Planners for 6th graders

Sixth graders have a new planner this week. They will no longer turn in daily work. Instead, they will learn to manage their work weekly. Weekly work will be turned in at the end of the school day every Thursday. You will no longer receive your sixth grader's planner on Thursday night. Instead, it will come home in their Wednesday folder the following week. Please check the Maple page on the CACMP website to see this week's planner.

October Character Trait Self-Discipline

Self-discipline is when children are taking care of their own responsibilities without reminders from their parents or teachers. It's the perfect trait to discuss this month as it is mentioned on progress reports and we will discuss it at conferences too.

Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held October 12th through the 14th. Please make sure to bring your child with you as they are the most important person at the conference. I have set aside 20 minutes for each student and will do my best to keep to the schedule. Please make sure that you arrive on time as well. I look forward to meeting with all of you!

Self-Discipline (continued)

Children learn that disciplined people can prioritize what needs to be done based on its importance. Have your child list out all of their responsibilities (school, home, extracurricular, and leisure) and have a discussion about priorities. Place them in order of importance. This will help your child better understand self-discipline.

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."

Booker T. Washington

New Grading Period

The first grading period ended last Friday. This means that you will no longer see missing or incomplete assignments on your child's planner from the last grading period. Larger projects will remain until they are finished as they are a big part of your child's grade (for example: research projects for 5th and memoirs writing project for 6th). Please remind your child that the missing work hasn't "gone away" but we will no longer track it on their planner.

World Fair

We hope to see you at the World Fair on Monday. Your child has been working hard on their reports and projects to display!

Chaperone Lottery

The Chaperone Lottery for all 4/5/6 field trips was held last week. If you signed up to be in the lottery, please see your child's Wednesday folder for the specifics.

Homework

Spelling = Lesson 6

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

6th grade Math = daily assignments

Dates to Remember

- Oct 12 Minimum Day / Conferences
- Oct 13 Minimum Day / Conferences
- Oct 14 Minimum Day / Conferences
- Oct 14 Spirit Day—Wear Red
- Oct 14 Homework Due
- Oct 14 Explorer Research Final Due
(5th graders)
- Oct 17 Explorer Project Due
(5th graders)
- Oct 17 World Fair

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

"The essence of independence is to be able to do something for one's self."

Maria Montessori