

Teacher Write-Ups June 19, 2018

½ Class

We had a great year in grades 1 & 2. We are wrapping up with a trip to the CV Starr pool this week with Ms. Natalie's class. We have been reviewing, assessing and having fun closure activities in this final week. The class made an A-Z memory book, opened a time capsule writing packet from last August and reflected on their writing portfolios from the year. Second graders took the NWEA computer assessment. I am working to produce the new standards based report card for my families and I'm looking forward to diving in to our new Language Arts curriculum this summer. Have a great one and thanks for all you do!
Ms. Morgan

¾ Class

Dear Board Members,

What a rush! These last two weeks are packed with field trips, end-of-year tests and hands-on learning. Last week the kids went to the Solar Living Center, saw sustainable living in action and got to build solar-powered cars. They also worked in groups to create Oregon Trail board games. They invented eight very different games and are enjoying trading and playing them. Next up, creating marble mazes which require visual/spacial planning and execution. Wednesday we will have a picnic and water/sand play at Pudding Creek Beach, and then a day of yearbook signing and dismantling the classroom. Friday is Pajama Day and that's all she wrote.

Jr High

Hi Board Members!

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend! Thank you to all the parents who helped with the school picnic in the park and the spring dance, students had a very fun Thursday! The time is here...the last week of school! I have attached a flyer with all the details of the upcoming 8th grade promotion this Thursday at 4pm.

As a part of our finals week, students will complete the third and final round of NWEA testing to see how far their skills have progressed this school year.

In English students have finished writing their comparative essay, analyzing how the theme of instincts was represented in both *The Island of Dr. Moreau* and *The Call of the Wild*. Students have also completed their Vocab books and took their final Grammar Test on Friday. Students should also be receiving their NaNoWriMo novels this Thursday!

In Science we will be continuing the Health Unit to address the 7th-8th grade California Health Standards. This week we will be discussing healthy relationships, human reproduction, and sexually transmitted diseases.

I can't believe that this is my final board report! I hope to see you all at the Awards Dinner to say farewell and express the immense gratitude I have for my TRCS family! These past 7 years teaching here at Three Rivers

has been an absolute pleasure and an experience that I will treasure forever. Thank you for all of your hard work and support!

Sincerely,
Samantha Walz

High School

High School News for the month of June.

Earlier this month and part of last month (May) we were blessed to host a few morning tea visits here in our classroom with a local community member, Ian, who is autistic. He came with a social worker who is helping him to practice getting out and interacting more, and we learned more about what it is like to live with autism. He communicates through sign language which gave one of our students the opportunity to practice in a real life situation with her signing. She loved it and we all ended up learning a bit about signing as a result! Ian was able to practice socializing and at the same time, to help spread a greater understanding of this more and more common condition of Autism, while we had a chance to build a deeper, stronger empathy. It was a wonderful experience and worked seamlessly with our morning as just a small group at a time would visit with Ian while the rest carried on their classwork as usual. I would definitely like to do more of this again next year, as I think it was truly meaningful for my students - a great way to work on our REACH values in a real way.

This month the students have been working hard to make sure they not only have finished their classes on pace (which is sometimes a challenge in on-line classes) but some of them have also been working hard to take advantage of their last time with us to clean up any old credit recovery that they needed to do so that they have a clean transcript when they transfer to other schools. They have done remarkably and even students who came to us with a lot of baggage and who were seriously struggling as students, have managed to make up all or nearly all of their credits that they had lost in the past. Other students with dreams of graduating early or of graduating with the classes needed to apply to Ivy League and other very competitive universities managed to take enough classes this year that they are on track when they transfer to FB High to do so, which meant they had to get enough credits done with us that they could move seamlessly into the right courses and grade level at FB High since they are too big to be able to offer as much flexibility in this regard as we have been able to do. All in all the students have done a really wonderful job and even after our bumpy start this fall, I think they can all say their year has been a great success!

We have also been working hard at enjoying our last month together so we have been going on a lot of career exploration field trips in small groups. Some students who are interested in ranching and working with livestock have gotten to visit working ranches (including the B. Bryan Preserve in Point Arena), while others have gotten to have a morning with the Coast Guard learning about life in the military and about how you decide on what you want to do after high school. We are taking one last hike to Jug Handle State Park on Wednesday and will have one last class pizza part too.

We threw a graduation party for our one senior and enjoyed food from all the students' favorite restaurants in town. I think everyone enjoyed this party very much! We have a 100% graduation rate this year! ;)-

Now the kids are helping me to pack up so we are ready for another move back to join the main campus. Yeah!!!!

Let me know if you have any questions.
Sincerely,
Kathleen Kasperson

