

April 18, 2018

Dear Upper School Students and Parents,

I am so grateful for the return of the sun over the last couple days. It was also wonderful to see all of you last week as the students presented what they had been working on during this last grading period. It was also nice to be able to answer any questions that had come up whether they were about routine or academics.

Students are continuing to work on their research papers. Most of the class is working on the final draft. They have also been looking into different platforms that they might use for their electronic presentation on the MacBook. We will be working on display boards, so it would be a good idea to bring one in or start working on one at home. Final drafts of the paper are due May 2. The oral presentation, display board, and electronic presentation are all due on May 7. We will be presenting to the public at the open house on May 10 from 5:00 to 7:00. I hope you all can attend and make plans to see what has been happening in all the other classes and meet people who might be interested in being part of our New School family for next year.

Locally Grown is tomorrow! It is going to be such a fun and amazing festival this year. If you haven't signed up to work service hours, please do. It is getting close to the end of the year and this is a great way to get those hours in while enjoying great music and having fun.

This week in math our algebra I students started working on solving systems of equations using various methods. One other group finished their work on percents and have started working on geometry. The majority of the class are working on fractions. They reviewed factors and the meaning of fractions as well as prime and composite numbers, and will work on

improper fractions, mixed numbers, equivalent fractions, and converting them the rest of this week. Next week we will go over fraction operations.

In social studies, we are learning about the Roman republic and students have a quiz on this tomorrow. We are also learning about similarities in the Roman republic and the U.S. government. There is also a science test tomorrow on soil. Students are still choosing their own vocabulary words and I will have next week's list out to you all after I receive everyone's choices. The students are enjoying working on Spelling City every week. We are thinking of changing some of the assignments next week so the kids don't get bored.

I will be out of the classroom on Friday, but I hope I get to see you all at Locally Grown.

Best wishes,

Carla

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 21: Locally Grown

Thursday, May 10: Noon Dismissal with No Childcare

Thursday, May 10: Open House from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 11: No School and No Childcare

Saturday, May 12: Plant Sale at Auto Zone parking lot

Friday, May 18: No School and No Childcare

Thursday, May 24: Graduation

Friday, May 25: Field Day and 10:30 Dismissal with No Childcare