

Brain Food



We're in focus with six pillars of character building

This year we have adopted six character building concepts to zero in on as we work together to build strong children, and teachers.

The six pillars are from the Character Counts program and are represented by the acronym, TRRFCC (we pronounce that "terrific!").

The pillars are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

This week we began our focus on the first one, trustworthiness.

As we meet in The Gathering Place and in the Middle School gym each morning at the start of the

day, we concentrate on the character concept in a variety of ways.

We have a quote for the day and talk a little about what it means, then discuss it in individual classes during the day. We review the discussions, ask hard questions of each other, review a scenario where the trait is tested, and talk about it all.

For instance, one quotation we pondered this week was:

"The chief lesson I have learned in a long life is that the only way to make a man trustworthy is to trust him; and the surest way to make him untrustworthy is to distrust him and show your distrust." (Henry L. Stimson).

We talked about how our expectations of others impact their behaviors.

We also consider a scenario each week. This week we thought about this one:

You see your friend steal an iPod from another student. Two days later, your friend gives you the iPod wrapped up as your birthday present. To whom does the iPod belong?

The scenario has lots of big ideas, in a real-world situation, to think about.

Join us in these character building discussions at home. It will help your child(ren) to talk with you about trustworthiness so they have a good idea of what it means to their family.

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Dr. Adrienne Battle

Associate Head of school

What a wonderful week at East Academy! We are so thrilled that you are here! It has been such a joy seeing all the smiling faces and excitement of school beginning. We have had a wonderful week of transitioning back to school from summer break.

Thanks to everyone who had a chance to attend the Back to School Picnic and Your New School Year Night. We are anticipating a great year here at

the Academy and look forward to working with each and every one of you!

Here are a few things to keep in mind as the school year begins:

Please review the Student & Family Handbook with your student(s)

Please familiarize yourself with the Mandatory Dress Code Policy

Please have your student(s) on time each day Check with your child each day to be sure that they have packed a lunch or a lunch form has been submitted

Please be mindful of the drop-off and pick-up procedures

Submit any allergy and medication information to the front office immediately

Submit all emergency contact and general registration information immediately

As always, please let us know if you have any questions, comments or concerns so we may address them immediately. Good and constant communication is our goal as we continue to create a great learning environment at East Academy-A school of all kinds of great kids!

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"When people honor each other, there is a trust established that leads to synergy, interdependence, and deep respect."

~Blaine Lee



Kindergarten Corner

What a joy this week has been! We've reviewed the alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes, sizes, and more so we know where to focus our instruction. Some of you have been working over the summer and we can tell! Joseph Campbell is Student of the Week next week.

Thanks for all the donations. I will be using the "Student Planners" as a communication log inside the Red Home Folder. Please feel free to write notes at any time and call between 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. We had a terrific week!
~Mrs. Mains

Ms. Reed's Class is doing an excellent job helping each other solve problems that they are faced with.

~Mrs. Reed

1st Grade

First graders are feeling more and more like professional students this week! We have learned about routines and expectations and have almost mastered them already, which has allowed us to spend more time learning in new and exciting places.

We went outside to hunt for and catch shapes and "bring them back" the classroom to write about and draw. We wandered all over the school, interviewing our school workers to find out more about how they help our school run.

We also traveled back in time 100 years in the Gathering Place to learn about old schools long ago, and we spent time learning the way students did then: without shoes, using chalk and chalkboards, and sitting in rows. We finished the week with out celebration of Lunch, by dressing up like the foods Mouse ate! And the best part is...next week will be even BETTER!

~Mrs. Wahlers

The first grade is so excited about the Lunch food parade on Friday. This story was part of our summer reading!

I am looking forward to all the fun foods!
~Mrs. Bradford

2nd Grade

We planted lima beans this week and we are beginning to see some growth in our plants!The students are very excited about this classroom project! Next week we will learning about how living things change and grow; On Monday, please send a baby picture of your child as we will use these to illustrate our lesson! We are having fun in second grade!

~Stephanie Dietz

This week in science we planted lima bean seeds. The students are looking forward to watching them grow! Next week we will learn about how living things grow and change. Please send in a baby picture of your child on Tuesday. In Language Arts, we had an exciting time acting out scenes from our summer reading book Frog and Toad All Year. Each student also made a shadow box of his/her favorite scene from the book.

~Mrs. Tharrett

3rd Grade

This week in third grade has been a good one! We are continuing to settle into our third grade routines and schedule! We have been talking about communities and our country! We read a story about a special community made by kids in Yuma, AZ. called Roxaboxen.

We watched a video and read about the Statue of Liberty! We even used our Passports for the first time and visited Great Britain!

~Mrs. Smith

4th Grade

Fourth Graders Rock! Of course you knew that. Did you know that we took our 1st Field Trip this week? Yes, we took a nature walk to Eastland Park. We found many varied and unusual plants/natural items to classify in our science lab. We must say, our children are very creative! Please do not forget to visit our garden, that we assisted the kindergarteners to plant. Next week, we will share our summer reading. Make sure students review the books (and/or read them). Enjoy your long weekend - we plan to!
~Ms. Beck & Mrs. Coleman

5th Grade

Tuggleville & Gibsonville

Tuggleville and Gibsonville have started strong on their academic work. From Gibsonville, Reporter Livia Perkins writes: This week in school, Gibsonville has been learning about the six life processes in science! Also everyone in Gibsonville have been assigned our new jobs! Yesterday we had our first spelling test! Everyone did well. On Friday we are having our first science lab with Ms. Fisher! We get to use microscopes to look at plant cells and animal cells! Thank you for reading! Livia and the news from Tuggleville by Reporter Grace Lane: In reading, we have been using vocabulary words from Frindle In spelling, we are doing words with vccv and vcv. And, in social studies, we did a paragraph about important people in Texas. In Science, we are talking about lab. We have also begun place value, and will be moving into decimals. We have been discussing our summer reading and working on our book review podcasts--look for that to come on the East Academy website! Gibsonville and Tuggleville are in need of kleenex and Clorox wipes. Please send some if you are able.
~ Mrs. Tuggle & Mrs. Gibson

Middle School News



Middle school -English

Middle School English classes have organized their reflective journals which will be used to create and store notes, writings from exercises, and projects related to readings or discussions.

Many of these early projects will involve painting and drawing. We've also begun reading the first units in our texts. And, students have been asked to find a book (fiction or non-fiction)that they will reading.

I strongly encourage them to always have a book for themselves so they can read anytime and anywhere.
~Scott Field



Middle School- Math

I have given each student the opportunity for extra credit, so start the year off ahead. If you are unaware of the extra credit, ask your student! I will accept extra credit until Monday, September 1, 2008.

There is also an excellent website to assist students with their homework or for extra practice.

<http://go.hrw.com/gopages/ma-msm.html>
Sixth Graders then click on HOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH, course 1
7th Graders then click on HOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH, course 2
8th Graders then click on HOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH, course 3

It is a great way for the parents to remind themselves of the mathematical concepts as well!

~ Mary Ickes



Middle School- History

The World of History at East Academy

This week, we began meeting in seminar sessions in our classes. This format works well with our students and East Academy's curricula and pedagogical commitment to educating in the myriad "Multiple Intelligences" modalities. Several of students demonstrated their enthusiasm for the seminar by preparing meticulously for their turn in leading the discussion. In the Eighth Grade U. S. History class, several students were well-prepared to answer the questions of their fellow classmates.

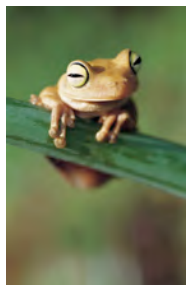
In the Seventh Grade Geography class, we formed four groups who will serve as commissioned geographers to (1) plan for the next Ice Age, approximately ten thousand years away, (2) prepare Turkey for its next major earthquake projected to occur in twenty-five years, (3) assist the U. S. government in proactively planning for any future Hurricane Katrinas, and (4) designing the ideal city. Incorporating the

parental feedback that I received on "Opening Night," reading, research skills and writing will be the main modes of completing these projects in the first two quarters of the academic year.

The Sixth Grade Social Studies class used pantomime and drawing to illustrate the non-verbal communication methods of the early peoples. We also discussed the power myth in a society. We marveled at the preservation of enduring ancient myths using orality in contrast with the scientific, linguistic and technological resources available to us.

Course syllabi for all three classes were distributed on yesterday. If you completed the contact form, I will send them to you via email over the course of the weekend. The syllabi cover the entire academic year. Additionally, I will attach (1) Guiding Principles, (2) Consequences for Failure to Follow the Guiding Principles, (2) Goals for Learning, (4) My Contact Information and (5) a Timeline for American History. Hard copies of all these items were given to each student. Finally, I remain excited about all that these three learning communities will cover this year.

~Victor Singletary



Ms. Fisher's-Science Corner

This week 6th grade learned about parts of a microscope. They also explored plant and animal cells. Parents please remind students their cell models are Due September 4th. This week 7th and 8th graders learned how to use the scientific method to solve problems and answer questions. Next week they will learn about about models and measurements. The 1st science test for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade is scheduled for September 11th.

~ Mrs.Fisher



Spanish

Our textbooks have finally arrived!! This year there will only be a classroom set of books. That way, the students don't have another thing to lug around. We have written some conversations in Spanish this week and will be presenting them on Friday. The students were also given their first homework assignment. The first round of vocabulary flashcards will be due next Wednesday, September 3. Parents, please help remember this due date. Thanks!

~ Mr. Altom

Technology



This week in technology we We examined the seven continents using Google earth learned a little about geography and technology., and found many interesting landmarks, such as the Olympic Park in Beijing, and the Eiffel Tower. Some classes will begin to work on their web pages and podcasts as well.

~Mr. Morris

Art/ Library



This week art classes k-8th created footprints. Watch for student footprints all around the school.

The 5th Grade are planning out and creating "Vermeer Windows" connecting their summer reading (Chasing Vermeer) with art.

Middle school talked about some of brush techniques for use with water colors along with their footprints.

Students in middle school discussed and worked on ways to "hook" the listener into reading a book review in a podcast during library classes. Many students had great ideas, especially the 7th grade class. Yeah!

Notes

The K-4th graders have enjoyed "The Syncopated Clock" by Leroy Anderson this week by keeping steady beat with rhythm instruments, exploring the sounds and habitat of the cuckoo bird, singing the "fly away" section, connecting literature with "Hickory Dickory Dock" and "Boom Chicka Rock" by John Archambault, and creating movement to show the clock ticking on the wall.

Middle school wind ensembles are in the process of obtaining instruments.

Music books will be in next week for them to purchase at \$7.95 with cash or check made out to East Academy.
~Mrs. Smith

We're starting to find our groove as this week comes to a close. Fifth graders have been working so hard on their "Happy" chants, setting them to unique rhythms and focusing on body percussion as well as a variety of vocal textures.

Tomorrow, we'll begin to record their masterpieces. Differing rhythm and musical styles have been the theme this week in 6th through 8th grades.

We have created choreography for "In the Mood," rhythmic ostinatos for Reggae with a host of instruments, and we'll close the week out with some piano work.

Have a terrific holiday weekend, everyone! See you Tuesday!
~Mrs.Green



Physical Education

This week in grades 4 - 8 we went over some basic floor hockey skills and emphasized the importance of safety. We will continue floor hockey skills and rules next week. The students also had their first yoga class. We will continue doing yoga once a week. The kids are having fun with it.

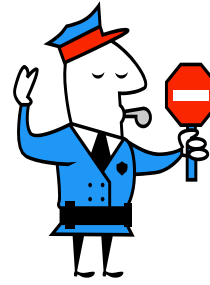
~Coach McDaniel

This week in grades k-3 we worked on our locomotor skills. We listen to music and played tag games to help us understand them. Wednesday we started Fitness Stations all of the students love the fitness stations, so every Wednesday will be Fitness Station Wednesday. Have a great weekend and Go Gamecocks and Go Titans!

~Coach Quattlebaum



"Only the educated are free."
~EPICTETUS



Attention !

Please wait for a member of the East Academy Staff to escort your child safely from your vehicle in the morning.



We now have an outdoor clock for hook-up and dismissal.

Please set your clocks to match ours to avoid confusion and late arrivals.



If you plan to order from Charlie Bob's Catering, don't forget your menu must be filled out and turned in with payment no later than Thursday. Any orders sent on without payment will not be placed.