



CALISTOGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



December 15, 2016

We are now officially at the half way mark of the year. It is such a pleasure to see how much growth students have made since the beginning of the year. Have an excellent vacation and a Happy New Year. See you in 2017.

*Nicole Lamare, Principal
George Valenzuela, Vice Principal*

PTA Corner

We are excited about our upcoming movie night. Please make sure to have your permission slip turned in to get on the list. Students not on the list will not be admitted.

PARENT HANDBOOK

It has been brought to our attention that students have been bringing toys and inappropriate food to snack recess and lunch. The handbook clearly states that toys from home are prohibited. Additionally gum, chips, candy, soda, unshelled nuts or seeds and drinks in glass bottles are not permitted on school grounds. Yard supervisors will begin to confiscate these items if they are brought to school.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Please turn in work promptly upon returning from Independent Study.

GROWTH MINDSET

Here are two quotes about mistakes.....

“A life spent making mistakes is not only most honorable but more useful than a life doing nothing”- George Bernard Shaw

“It is well to cultivate a friendly feeling towards error, to treat it as a companion inseparable from our lives, as something having purpose which it truly has.”- Maria Montessori

These quotes communicate that mistakes are desirable, which is a positive message and part of what we want students to learn. An appreciation of mistakes helps us overcome fears of making them, enabling us to take risks. But we also want students to understand what kind of mistakes are the most useful and how to learn from them.

From Mind/Shift: Why Understanding These Four Types of Mistakes Can Help Us Learn by Eduardo Briceno.

RAP NEWS

Read Aloud Partners, sponsored by the Calistoga Soroptimists, brings read aloud volunteers to all but one of our classrooms. Each of these classrooms will be receiving a book to read over the holidays. Students with a Read Aloud Partner will be receiving free books three times per year. Please be on the lookout for your child's new book.

READING INCENTIVE

Did you know that daily independent reading helps students improve their comprehension and vocabulary skills? This winter break, we would like to encourage families to support their children with reading. We ask that students turn in first thing on January 9th, evidence of reading at home. Please make sure students have their name and grade on this paper. Students who turn in this evidence will get a surprise treat.

UPCOMING DATES

December 19-January 6: Winter Break

January 11: ELAC @ 6:30

January 13: Coffee and Conversation @ 8:40

January 16: Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL

School Site Council Vote

Please return to the office by 1/13/17

This year we are pleased to have Michelle Hickman, Elly Galindo, Brian Fennen, and Ashleen Guilliams represent our parents on School Site Council. We have one last parent who has agreed to fill in for that role. Please fill in the ballot and return to school.

New Parent Member

_____ **Genevieve Welsh**