

April Newsletter

English Grades 5, 6, 7, 8

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April Growth Mindset Saying: It may not be easy, but it will be worth it.

Happy Easter!!

All Grade Levels-Since the beginning of this school year, the students have been keeping a Word of the Day section in their binders. It is almost time for a Word of the Day test on the words. The students will be told which of the words they need to study for this test. **Remember: Do not wait until the last minute to study for the test, which will be on May 8th.**

English 5-The students have completed their Personal Narrative Essay and have been learning to write a How-to Article in class. Once they understand the concepts taught for this article, they will write an article of three to four paragraphs. They will also learn how to use transitional words and phrases in their writing.

English 6-The students finished writing their How-to Articles in class. We are now learning how to write a good Descriptive Essay using sensory language, descriptive verbs and adjectives, and similes and metaphors. Once they understand these concepts, they will write a five-paragraph Descriptive Essay, using what they learned about the concepts listed above.

English 7-This class has been working on recognizing verbals. Depending on the group they are in, they are recognizing participles, gerunds, and infinitives. They are also learning about dangling participles and misplaced modifiers in writing. The students are finding this to be very challenging.

English 8-The eighth graders have been learning about the use of verbals in sentences. Depending on their grouping, they are working on understanding gerunds as nouns or participles as adjectives. This class is finding it very challenging.