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Taylor Leadership Academy 3rd Graders attend AG-Venture Field Trip

On January 11, 2017 our Taylor 3rd graders took an exciting field trip to AgVenture. AgVenture is a program for all 3rd graders in San Joaquin County. Almost 11,000 students get to go! The purpose of AgVenture is to have students learn about the growing and processing of food. They also get to see and touch farm animals and look at farm equipment up close! We asked our 3rd grade teacher Mr. Tominaga what his impression of the field trip was and he said "AgVenture provided a unique and fun experience for our students. They were able to interact with animals and get an inside look at our valley's resources".

We also spoke to some 3rd graders to get an idea of what they thought of the field trip. Some of our Taylor students favorite things about the trip were: watching the trained dogs do tricks, meeting pigs, seeing horses, and chickens. They also felt like it was amazing to experience these different kind of activities that they had never done. Sounds like AgVenture was a huge success! The kids had a blast and learned a ton!



Attendance is important

Every month Taylor is going to be having a celebration for students who come to school 95% or more that month. The celebrations are so fun and exciting. The next celebration will be on February 3rd and it will be a dance for kids to enjoy! Make sure you come to school every single day so that you can learn and get your education!

AVID Question of the Month: Why is it important to be organized?

We caught up with Taylor students in the hallways and at recess and we asked them to tell us why it's important to be organized. Here are some of the answers!

"Organized kids are ready to learn and know where everything they need is"-Mikala age 7

"It is important to be organized because then you know if you have reached your goals and you have work to show that you did."-Ian, age 9

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Taylor Winter Science and Math Night

On December 15th Taylor had its first math and science family night. The event was held in the cafeteria. Every teacher had made a booth that had a math or science game for all the kids of Taylor to play or complete. Some of the booths were: making bridges, making flower pens, building trees, bingo, and geo boards. All the teachers had really cool ideas and it was fun to play them all.

A few more of the winter activities were looking into microscopes and guessing what you are looking at. This was really interesting and very fun to do. Dr. Sloan even had a booth where you played Fraction Jack and you could win candy. We asked a student to tell us their favorite part and they said, "I liked seeing all the teachers after school where we could have fun, and I learned about math and science experiments". We interviewed Dr. Silva and she said we are going to have another family night on **March 2, 2017** just like this but this time Dr. Suess themed!

We want to thank all the teachers of Taylor for staying and making a really fun night for us and our parents. We appreciate you so much.

APTT Number Two Schedule

Our second whole class APTT meeting is coming up in March! **SAVE THE DATE and MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** These are very important meetings!

TK/Kindergarten- March 15th-2:30pm

1st Grade- March 9th-4:00pm

2nd Grade-March 16th-4:00pm

3rd Grade-March 6th - 2:30pm

4th Grade-March 8th-4:00pm

5th Grade- March 15th-2:30pm

6th Grade-March 15th-4:00pm

7th Grade-March 13th-4:00pm

8th Grade-March 13th-4:00pm

Can't wait to see you there!



Character Trait

The character trait for January is **integrity**. Integrity is being honest and doing the right thing no matter what! Everyone can show integrity at school by following the norms and helping each other do the right thing. Think about integrity this month!

AVID Corner

Thank you to those who attended the AVID parent academy in December. Alasia Gorman was the lucky winner of a brand new Tablet! **Our next AVID parent academy will be on Wednesday February 22, 2017 at 8:30am.** Parents and loved ones please attend to learn about ways you can help your child learn at home!