

SIXTH GRADE NEWS
February 17, 2006

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 20	No School-President's Day
Feb. 23rd and March 2nd	Media Lab time (Science Fair <i>Powerpoint</i> writing)
March 21st	Science Fair Final Project/Display due
April 3,4,5	Science Fair (We need judges!)

Experience is the best teacher!

How can we learn responsibility without having an opportunity to be responsible?
-We can't!

What we can do now to help our students in their journey toward responsibility and maturity?
-Allow them to experience (appropriate) responsibility along with the positive or negative consequences.

We've got a safe, enriched learning environment here at TCKS and we've seen some noticeable gains in student maturity. Looking ahead to junior high is much less stressful if we learn and demonstrate responsibility this year!

Science Fair-

All of our students have a solid scientific question, research from a minimum of three credible sources, a research-based hypothesis, a detailed materials list (to respect parent shopping time), and a procedure which includes: variables, controls, and trials for their experiments. All that remains now is to perform the experiments, collect data, bring student lab books to media time Feb. 23rd and March 2nd when students will be given time to write up results (if available), enter data on Excel spreadsheet to make graphs, and write up conclusions. Since everyone's got different types of experiments requiring different amounts of time to complete (some have already completed their experiments) there are no weekly due dates after the procedure (except for the final project being due, March 21st, Tuesday after Spring Break)

Enlightenment-

Our students are privileged to be asked to entertain some of the