

**SIXTH GRADE NEWS #5**  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Introduce Research Paper	November 8 <sup>th</sup>
Note Cards for Research	November 8 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>
Outline	November 15 <sup>th</sup>
Write Paper	November 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>
Research Paper Due	November 18 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving Break	November 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>

Dear Parents,

Hopefully, all of you have been talking to your child about his/her research project. Your child's interest and motivation will increase when you, the parents, show an interest in his/her research. You will be amazed with the information they are gathering. Sounds like this could provide some good conversation material at mealtime.

As we look at our twelve Character Qualities, one that stands out to us in recent days is kindness. Kindness, according to our school's definition, is having a friendly, generous nature that builds up and encourages those around. As sixth graders begin to mature and enter adolescence, their social interactions become an important focus in their lives. This offers many learning experiences as far as making good choices on what we say, who we choose to be our friend, and being able to stand up for what is right. Unkind words can be particularly damaging when student's bodies are going through so many changes. Emotions are higher than usual, and tears can happen easily. So, as you may imagine, the teachers start spending more time trying to work out social misunderstanding.

We are asking our parent partners to please take time to go over the quality of kindness. We will also be putting extra emphasis on this character quality. It is a good time to review this quality due to the tremendous change this age of students is going through.

The Sixth Grade Staff