

## 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Adventure Camp

We are excited to welcome 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to “Adventure Camp” where they will participate in a series of 4 adventure-themed sessions, with each session including one week of math and one week of writing, starting the week of Sept. 21 and concluding the week of Nov. 16. Sessions will be announced via emails to parents that will be sent at the end of the week prior to the beginning of each session. We do not plan to require the use of pre-printed handouts that would be used as “homework” but students may want to explore concepts further on their own and are welcome to share their explorations when we “meet”. It will be helpful for students to have pencils and paper available for each meeting.

Adventure Math Camp will include cooperative problem solving through math games and exploration. Students will work collaboratively with other students to learn about math through creativity and play with math ideas. AMC will focus on encouraging students to work with each other building math understanding together.

Adventure Writing Camp will likewise include collaborative work to encourage creativity in the use of the written word. Students might write poetry, create word puzzles, tell stories, play games, and use email within the school Google platform, and possibly expand into Google Classroom. Emails will entail students responding to a one-word prompt by the end of the week in which it is announced (that’s a total of four emails for the entire fall class). All emails received will be collated and made available so students can read what their peers write. They’ll also receive a response from one of us, which will go to their EC as well. To facilitate the use of student email, you can expect as a parent to get an email from us that will include information about using your student’s Hickman Schools email account. It’s something that they’ll use more and more as they reach Middle School, so now’s a good chance for them to practice. It is highly secure, and they’ll only be able to email others within the Hickman Schools domain, meaning they can’t even send Mom an email from the account!!

What will our first week look like? Since the class will be offered via Zoom, it will be a high priority to allow students to familiarize themselves with it, so we’ll be “practicing” to learn of the various tools available. “Camp”, whatever kind it might be, often includes nicknames for students (and staff...!!), and our Adventure Camp will be no exception. To that end, start brainstorming right now with your student about what his/her “camp” nickname will be. On our first day, we’ll let students introduce themselves, and show them how to replace their “real” name on the Zoom screen with their nickname, which they’ll use each week. We’ll offer brief math and writing activities as well. What will they be? Camp is full of surprises, and so they’ll have to wait till September 21-22 to find out!

What does my student need to have in order to participate?

- Computer or other device that will function with ZOOM. Parents will receive an email with the ZOOM link in the morning of each day that class will be held.
- Paper
- Pencil/pen
- One-word Nickname (see above)

Questions?

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