

November 5, 2019

Dear Lower School Families,

The students are engaged in wonderful discussions about literature and understanding new mathematical concepts. Grammar is developing in both English and Latin. Camaraderie is evident during recess and chess. Discoveries about animals, ecology, and tectonic plates are occurring in Science. Students are becoming aware of Ancient civilizations and their impacts on society today.

With an abundance of topics discussed, it raises questions about homework. Homework is an essential part of the curriculum as it is practice. It allows our students to show understanding without teacher assistance. Completion with ease can show mastery; incompleteness can show struggles. Struggles do not mean a concept was not taught, but rather implies a concept not yet mastered. Mastery occurs at different paces for students and communication with the teacher is encouraged. Homework instills discipline and provides opportunity to create good habits.

Will Durant expressed, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Finn".

Marcy Finn
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