

# THE ACADEMIC LINK

LINKING STUDENTS TO LEARNING & PARENTS TO RESOURCES

## INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

**SAFETY:** We are rerouting our pick up and drop off lanes for the safety of the students and parents. The inner curved lane near the patio/door area will be blocked by traffic cones or one of the teacher's cars. Parents will no longer be able to drop off or pick up students using that inner drive through area. We have recently had some close calls where a driver is coming through the inner drive and a student or a parent are walking out to the parking area or the playground and have to stop suddenly because he or she cannot see the car coming. There is a blind spot where the white concrete block, just before the patio area, blocks the view of any cars approaching the drop off area. IF IT RAINS, we will do what we can to help parents and students make their pick up under the patio area.



Silvia, Marie, Shane, Mrs. G., Samantha, & Lauren work on a project in December.

**REMINDERS: READING:** Reading is critical to academic success! Students should be having reading homework most days. Mrs. Taylor assigns reading from the chapter books, from the Specific Skill Series—SRAs, and e-Solutions. Sometimes RAZ-Kids is assigned as well. E-Solutions and RAZ-Kids are online reading and quizzes. **STUDY SKILLS:** We are working with students to teach study skills and habits. In particular, taking notes on non-fiction material, learning new vocabulary, and reviewing lessons taught in science and history. You will find that teachers will be writing to review certain pages or lessons. A few minutes, 10 minutes, is all that is needed to quickly review the lesson and identify what needs more review the next day. By doing this, you are building life long skills for academic success!

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#### CALENDAR & EVENTS

Friday Session	<b>2/8; 2/15</b>
Valentine's Day Party—Bring decorated box. Ice Cream Party	<b>2/14</b>
President's Day—TAL IS CLOSED	<b>2/18</b>
Sea World Field Trip—see Mrs. Herath for details	<b>2/22</b>


### FEBRUARY 1, 2013

#### Special points of interest:

- \* Too few students could attend the Washington D.C. trip so we will revisit going next year.
- \* We are looking at one of two sea camp experiences for our out of town field trip this year. We will keep you posted.

## VALENTINE'S DAY & INFO ON A SPECIAL CLUB

Traditionally, TAL has a Valentine's Day Box contest. The top 3 boxes receive a prize, such as 5pts on a quiz, or a homework pass. Shoe or cereal boxes work well. Bags are also good! This year is no different! We will also have an ice cream sundae party during lunch! FUN

Students don't have to make a box or bag, but they should bring some kind of container to collect valentines in. 

**SUNCOAST CULINARY CLUB:** I am attaching a flyer from students I tutor in AP Human Geography. The 9th grade girls started a culinary

club and are doing a fundraiser for Autism Speaks this February. I will be attending and hope you will join me. I am also talking with the girls about their club and considering starting something similar with our students. We will have a kitchen after all in our new place.