



THE ROOST REPORTER



The Newsletter of Record for Sixth Grade

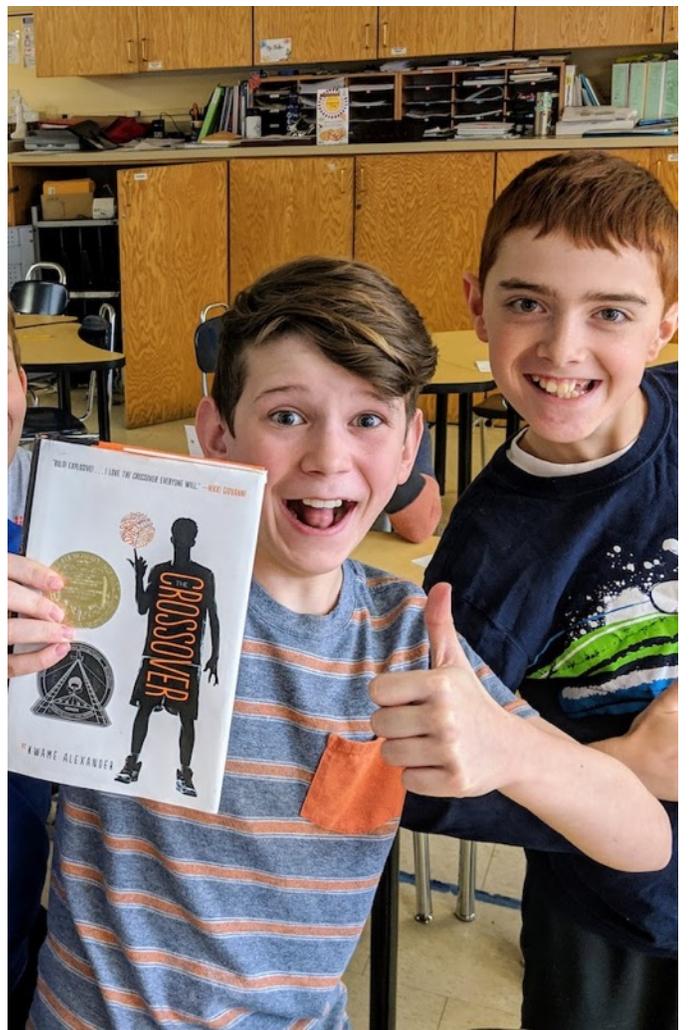
Jan. 18, 2019

Turning 12: That Awesomely Awkward Age

We are starting to celebrate our first rounds of twelve year-old birthdays, which often signals a shift in the classroom chemistry to a more serious (if not brooding) proto-adolescent student. Peers replace adults as the center of the universe, sleep and food are always in short supply, and while they can dig deep with insightful, “big picture” thinking, twelve year-olds also like to argue and are less concerned with keeping track of their “stuff.”

There’s a lot of good stuff happening to 12s, too. They can become more goal-driven, begin to see social justice and fairness issues more clearly, and are practicing with more sophisticated humor (that one cuts both ways!). Along with social/ emotional and cognitive changes, there are physical ones, too. Growth spurts and growing pains, the need for activity, and of course, puberty.

As part of book club and our identity work, we will explore with the students what growing up means to them and create some poems to capture this point in time. If you haven’t been through this exciting time before, it can be a wild ride, but clear boundaries and expectations are still important. They will amaze and frustrate you, often in a period of minutes. Just enjoy this time with them, knowing next year they’ll be teens.



Simon Says...

- ✓ **Passage Work** - We are devoting time in school on Fridays for research, but that will not be enough. Students need to be responsible with their study hall choices and use time wisely in support of their passage work.
- ✓ **Home Learning** - Yes, it’s picking up, but it is not beyond managing. Often, we provide time in class to get started on HW tasks (and there’s 75 minutes a week of study hall time). Please check the website if you are unsure if HW was assigned but know that it is your child’s responsibility to get it done and turned in.
- ✓ **Winter Exhibition**- We are hosting a listening party for our podcasts on Wednesday, March 6th, 6:00 p.m. Save the date!
- ✓ **Good Luck!** - SOTA bound students have auditions this week - you are going to rock it!

Your Sixth Grade Team

Chris Dolgos: cdolgos@gccschool.org, Alexis Stubbe: astubbe@gccschool.org, Melissa Jones: mjones@gccschool.org