

HUMANITIES AND COMMUNICATION UPCOUNTY CENTER PROGRAM

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Dear Students and Parents:

We hope that you have a wonderful summer and come back to us in the fall with stories of great adventure and relaxation. In looking forward to our upcoming school year, we would like to explain your summer assignments and introduce you to the Humanities Team 7 teachers.

Sincerely yours,

The Upcounty Humanities Team 7

World Studies

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Mrs. Sneddon received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland. She has been teaching in Montgomery County Public Schools since 2002 and has been teaching at Clemente in the Humanities Program since 2006. Mrs. Sneddon is married to a history teacher who also works in Montgomery County Public Schools. They have one son named Thomas.

Please choose three (3) items from the 20th century that are meaningful or interesting to you. One item should connect to your personal culture (defined as it makes sense to you – family, ethnicity, region, etc.); one should be a book; the third is up to you! For each item, please write a paragraph that explains when and where the object was created, and by whom, as well as why it is meaningful to you.

Item Criteria: Each item must relate to one of the following areas of the humanities:

Literature: (Book, poem, script, etc.)

History: (document, speech, news article, video clip, photograph, etc.)

The Arts: (CD/album, film, song, work of art, photograph, etc.)

This assignment is due the first week of school.

English

Adrienne Kelly Adrienne_M_Kelly@mcpsmd.org

Mrs. Kelly is a proud product of the Montgomery County Public Schools system (Einstein High School graduate) who earned her Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from the University of Virginia and her Master's Degree in Education of the Hearing Impaired from Washington University (St. Louis). After she taught hearing-impaired students for five years in Fairfax County, Mrs. Kelly returned to school and earned her certification in English. She has been teaching English and reading in Montgomery County since 1990. Mrs. Kelly and her husband have two children, Erin and Blair, who, like their mom, love to read. Mrs. Kelly is also an avid runner.

People identify themselves in a variety of ways. For this assignment, choose an object that represents you. Be thoughtful in your selection, and keep in mind that it must be something that can be brought to school. Write one page (double-spaced) explaining the object and how it represents you. You should consider questions such as:

- Where did this object come from?
- Is it one-of-a-kind or are there others?
- What does the object symbolize?
- What does it reveal about my personality?

Please be prepared to turn this in the first week of school. You will need to bring the object to school for one day, but not the first day. Further instructions will be given at that time.

Media Production

Mrs. Lisa Wroblewski Lisa_F_Wroblewski@mcpsmd.org

Lisa Wroblewski earned her master's degree in education from the University of Arizona. Although she began her career in New York, Mrs. 'Ski' has been teaching media literacy and television production in Maryland since 1989. She piloted the 6th grade Media Production curriculum at the Eastern Humanities and Communication Magnet Program in 1995. She is also a 2001 Fellow of the Maryland Technology Academy.

Mrs. 'Ski' has provided educational opportunities for her students outside of the classroom. From Toshiba's *ExploraVision* event to Zoog Disney's *Z-Games*, Mrs. 'Ski' has used her experience as an associate producer to bring innovative and exciting curriculum ideas to our program. A candidate for the Agnes Meyer's Teaching Award and a three time nominee for the Disney American Teacher of the Year Award, Mrs. 'Ski' is an advocate of hands-on, process oriented, product based education.

There is not a summer assignment for Media Production.

Your math teachers have also asked you to keep your math skills fresh over the summer. Please download the summer packet from the Clemente web site at www.robertoclementems.org based on your math class placement for next year.

If you can bring two spiral books for the Humanities classes, it would be helpful for the upcoming year.