



Hello everyone,

The BBQ was a great kickoff of our 2018-2019 school year! I enjoyed meeting all of you and am looking forward to the year. This week's shortened week was chock full of getting to know you type exercises, procedures, learning where things are situated around the campus and taking part in a few assessment type activities. All in all, it was an enjoyable first three days!

This coming week we will ramp up our academic rigor and introduce some of the nightly/weekly homework. Each student will be asked to keep a running record of their daily/weekly home reading. They will be provided with a sheet where they can record their progress. On the last day of each week, they will be asked to write a quick synopsis of what transpired in their book. They are free to choose a book of their liking, but it should be appropriate for their reading level and not have too many pictures in it (i.e. Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Captain Underpants, etc..) They will also be introduced to Wordly Wise online. This will be a weekly homework assignment with a test at the end of the week. Math homework will be a nightly activity, based on our lesson in class. All math homework that comes home should mimic the lesson we completed in class that day. The cultural studies will have homework from time to time or longer term assignments. I will make a habit of previewing homework assignments at the bottom of my weekly updates. I will also list everything on my website pgiddens.weebly.com. This website should be all up and running this week!

Each student has an Oakhill Academy email address. Every students' email follows the format first initial, last name@oakhillca.org --- The students have the ability to change their password. For the new students I made their initial password Oakhill18. It is very important that they get used to checking in on a daily basis. I will be sending information, updates and assignments through email and will always be sure to let them know of upcoming activity. They have all been invited to our Google Classroom page as well. They can find their invite in their email. Additionally, each student will be getting a homework/schoolwork planner. They should get used to writing all assignments in this as well.

I hope you all enjoyed your weekend!

Mr. Paul Giddens