Back to School Night's Introduction of the 5th Grade
(Mr. Molenkamp)

Me

1) Education - Bay Area and SDSU
2) Family - son - tennis, firefighter, step daughter - teacher, step son - SDSU, Wife Lower School Director in Mission Viejo, and our newest edition…..

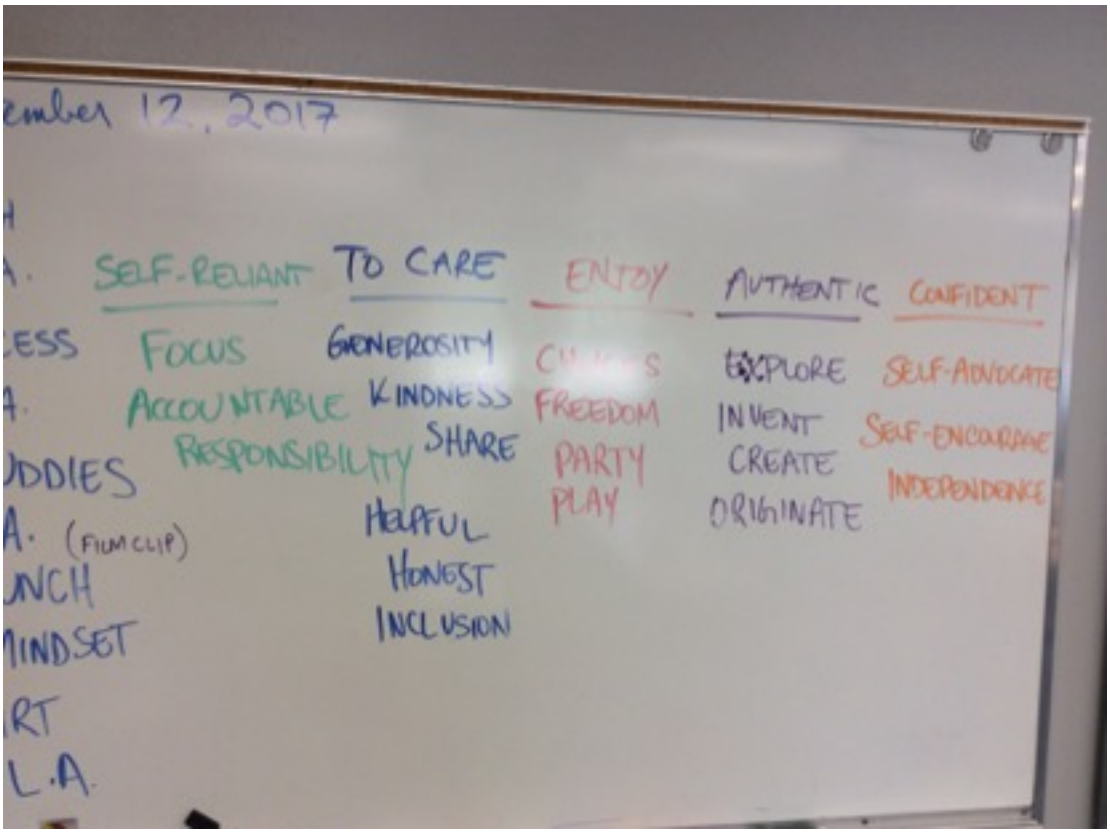
3) Teaching - 21st year, Challenger and Stratford - Rhoades… all private

Them

4) Your kids!!! Polite, well mannered, 16!!!!!! Ideal #, $'s worth!

The Classroom Environment

5) The Michael Jordan Poster/Mistakes/Setting Goals/Culture of learning/Preparation of middle school - how to help (training wheels - taking them off - putting them back on) Too many subjects assignments teachers - "Practicing Independence" as a theme for the year - Agendas!



Preview of the Year
(the subject content)

1) Social Studies - Geography, early man, archeology, Native American studies, SWIFT trip (Did I mention Independence?;)
2) Grammar - *Practice Town* and *Grammar Town* - All about nouns, adj., adv. - the basics the advanced - subordinating conjunctions etc.. and how they help us become better writers
3) Writing and Editing - Everyday Edit (punctuation) *Write from the Beginning* - Assignments such as a *Tom Sawyer* Essay, many poetry assignments, using figurative and literal language, SWIFT report, and multi-media presentations such as powerpoint.
4) Reading - *Johnny Tremain*, *Christmas Carol*, *Treasure Island*, *Tom Sawyer*,
5) Book Reports - *Sing Down the Moon*, Biography (heads up) and more…

The Handout - Curriculum Overview

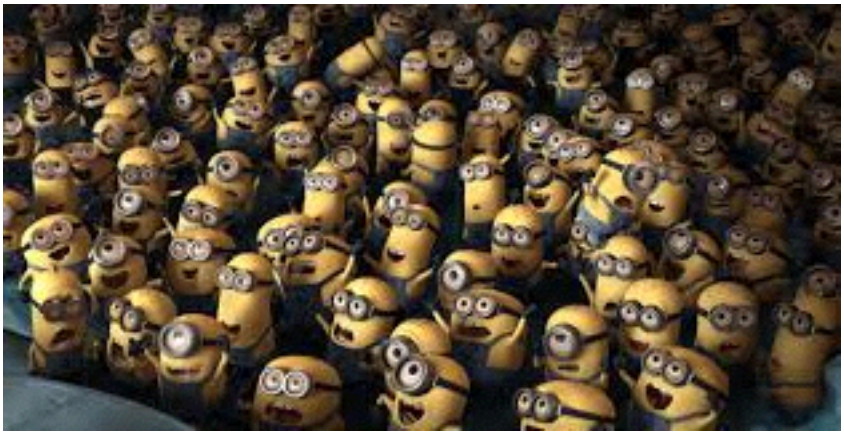
Homework (Rhoades follows the Vatterott guidelines, shouldn't be….homework on the weekends, and a general estimated time for homework is the grade level times ten (in minutes 50), Mrs. Osborne and Mr. Molenkamp (could be the same) Tests, Long term Projects, Jupiter Grades, Book Reports, Absences, Birthdays, Class Parties, Playwright's Project

Tour of the Classroom

1) Michael Jordan Poster
2) "Thinking Maps"
3) Room 403's Expectations

Communication

1) A partnership - you know them better than anyone, and I know kids;)
2) smolenkamp@rhoadesschool.com
3) Wednesday folders
4)Twitter!! Rhoades School Page #trsgr5



Miscellaneous

1) Room parents - Signing up help for specific parties (share in the fun)
2) Not collecting $ just help getting items (I'll put you in contact and stay out of it!)
3) Gifts for teachers $50,000,000 cap!!!
4) Surfing Madonna? Mrs. Osborn
5) Parent area in the auditorium
6) iPads- User agreements and setting up the Apple ID
7) Be sure to look around for your student's work on the walls
8) Leave a note for your student;)

Room Parent(s) Sign Up

Name	E-Mail : Party and/or art