



GENIUS HOUR

WHERE PASSIONS COME TO LIFE

Dear families,

We are excited to be starting Genius Hour this year! Genius Hour gives students an opportunity to explore an area of personal interest through an independent research project for one hour each school cycle. Genius Hour was originally invented by Google when the company realized that if employees were given time to research their own projects, they were significantly more creative and driven in their job expectations. In our classroom, students will be responsible for coming up with their own topic to research, creating something that represents their learning, and sharing this process with the class. They will develop skills such as organization, goal-setting, critical thinking, time management, and perseverance.

Some students may want to do projects that require extra work at home. They may also need your help to gather materials. It will be up to the students and their families to decide if they want to complete projects that require extra supplies or time at home.

Genius Hour is an ongoing project and students will have the opportunity to research multiple topics throughout the year. At this point, we have only begun brainstorming ideas. I strongly encourage you to talk with your child about his/her project because the more students are able to talk about their learning, the richer the experience will be for them. For this first project, the expectation is that students will have everything completed before Spring Break.

If you would like more information about Genius Hour, please visit our class website: <https://neufeld5.weebly.com/genius-hour.html>. Of course, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via Seesaw or email.

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