



## 2022-2023 PROJECT WEEK

**Project Week Dates:** Monday, 02 January 2023 through Friday, 06 January 2023

**Overview:** Project week is an opportunity for students to engage deeply in the study of a special theme. These projects allow students the ability to develop their skills as independent learners so that they can join back together as a class and share their discoveries with their learning community. These projects give students a meaningful and personal encounter with Truth, Goodness, Beauty, and the interconnectedness of their subject studies that would not be possible otherwise.

### **Guidelines:**

- The project theme reflects a continuation of what has already been studied in the classroom.
- Each day of project week should be equivalent to a half-day's worth of work (4hrs).
- Projects are cross-curricular and incorporate more than one area of study and multiple skills.
- Students may be expected to learn new content, but not new skills.
- Students will be taught all needed skills (research, bibliography-writing, summarizing) ahead of time.
- An overview of project details will be handed to the students as a packet to take home during Christmas break.
- The project overview will include a sample schedule that outlines materials needed, space requirements, and expected workload for each day.
- For younger students, projects will be broken down into manageable steps each day with the final product in mind.
- All research materials will be given to students in advance (no google searches should be part of the student research experience).
- Giving a list of specific websites could be permissible in Middle School.
- A sample of the desired final product will be shared with students and parents ahead of time so that they are aware of what type of project they are working towards.
- All projects will be completable with minimal parental involvement.
- For younger students, some parent involvement will be unavoidable. Teachers will make clear in the project instructions where to anticipate parental involvement.
- Students are expected to present and share their projects with their classmates on their return to school after project week.

### **Project Details:**

- Teachers are finalizing project week assignment themes, instructions and samples
- The themes, instructions and samples will be shared with parents in early December

## Logistics:

- While we love the practice of students completing their projects at home (or groups of students working on projects at a friend's house), we know that Project Week can present childcare challenges for houses with young children and working adults. To accommodate this community need, this year OLMC School will allow Lower Division students (K-5th) to work on projects at the school under adult supervision. (Please note: Because projects are intended to be completed by students with minimal adult help, on-site classroom monitors will not assist students with their projects, but will maintain orderly, quiet spaces for students to complete their activities.)
- Monday 1/2/2023 - no onsite supervision (PreK-8th projects begun at home)
- Tuesday 1/3/2023 through Friday 1/6/2023
  - All PreK students are invited to participate in four half-days of on-site project week activities
  - Kindergarten-5th students may register for four half-days of on-campus supervision (to accommodate daycare needs for working households)  
**(Additional information and registration details for K-5 Project Week onsite supervision will be emailed to parents on Monday, 11/22.**
  - 6th-8th students spend approximately 4 hours per day working on projects at home