



Core Connect Program Overview

Core Connect highlights the CLMS High “5” and the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Refer to the High “5” and the Olweus program not only during core connect, but in your classroom procedures, too! As a core it is important to develop consistent expectations.

Weekly Plan:

| 7:37-8:02 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <u>6th Grade</u> | Check-In | Character Education | Silent Sustained Reading | Olweus Activity or Academic Counseling/ Homework Help | CNN News-Current Events/ Flex Day |
| <u>7th Grade</u> | Check-In | Character Education | Silent Sustained Reading | Olweus Activity or Academic Counseling/ Homework Help | CNN News-Current Events/ Flex Day |
| <u>8th Grade</u> | Check-In | Character Education | Silent Sustained Reading | Olweus Activity or Academic Counseling/ Homework Help | CNN News-Current Events/ Flex Day |

Check-In: This is a time for students to journal and share with each other what they did over the weekend. If time permits advisors are asked to review the week’s agenda and the upcoming activities and highlight big tests or assignments that may be due.

Character Education: Activities and discussions will focus on character education to help students develop virtues that promote their overall well being. Each grade level will have a set of activities and discussions unique to their grade level.

Silent Sustained Reading: This is the time for students and staff to experience the joy of silent reading. Students and staff may read books or newspapers. No homework is to be done at this time.

OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Activity or Academic Counseling/Homework Help: Olweus is an internationally researched bullying prevention program designed for all students not just for those who are bullied or those who bully others. This program addresses bullying at the schoolwide, classroom, individual and community levels. Students receive a consistent, reinforced message about bullying over an extended period of time and in a variety of settings. The goal of the program is to change the norms around bullying behavior so that bullying is less likely to occur or be rewarded. On days when an Olweus activity is not scheduled teachers are asked to provide academic support (review grades, allow/encourage students to do make-up work, take tests, study for upcoming tests, etc.).

Flex

- Academic games
- Core rewards and celebrations (birthdays, achievements, etc.)
- Activities/Games/Competitions