Student Investigator Program

Dear Families,

        Student Investigator Projects are optional, extra credit projects that can be applied toward any subject area. Students should start by choosing a subject of interest. If the student is having difficulty coming up with an idea, I can help or they can refer to their textbooks for ideas.

        Students will fill out the Student Investigator Project Form. When the form is complete, students should have it signed by their parent(s) and teacher. This form will be returned to the student to use as a reference during their studies. _All forms and rubrics for the Student Investigator Program can be found on the Student Resources section of the Chelsea School web page._

        After the student's research has been completed, based upon the rubric criteria, this will be turned in to the teacher for assessment. All of the specific grading criteria are clearly explained in the Research Rubric.

        Students will then choose a product to showcase their research. There are ten options for doing this. All of the product choices along with Product Rubrics for each are listed on-line. Upon completion of this section of the project, students will turn in their products for assessment.

        Finally, the students will be sharing their research and product with their peers. This should be practiced carefully at home, and the grading for this portion of the project will be based upon the criteria listed on the Presentation Rubric.

        Grading for each portion of the project will be based solely on each rubric. Students will be given three extra credit grades in the area on which the project is based. This will be applied toward the homework grade in that subject. Additionally, students will be given a Homework Pass for each rubric completed. This will allow students extra time to work at home on their project. Teachers may need to set limits on pass use for specific assignments such as a review for an upcoming test.

        During the course of the year, students may decide to complete more than one Student Investigator Project. The goal of the project is to promote student-directed learning, the ability to pursue more knowledge on a topic of interest, and to share the work with others in a meaningful way. We can't wait to see where this leads you!