

Comments from the 6th graders:

“EMAIL!!!! I would die without Menlo email. It helped me contact my peers and teachers about upcoming events, problems I have had, and transferring PP and Word docs. “

“I have learned how to use PowerPoint in science and Humanities. There were features I haven't seen before. I learned how to draw on a Word document using the drawing toolbar. I've always wondered what was there, and now I know!”

“I have learned how to cite things like links.” I did not know how to use a jumpdrive or the smartboard at the beginning of the year, now I do.”

“For my Japanese project, I did not have to make a poster, all I had to do was make a Powerpoint.”

“Technology has helped me a lot to learn about Powerpoint. Before I never knew how to do animations or any of the cool colors and backgrounds and themes. I also learned about Garageband. I had never used it before and after I was taught how to do it, it was really fun and I had learned a lot about volume and different tracks.”

“Technology has dramatically helped the clarity of my writing, as I have bad handwriting. Also, I have terrible spelling and the spell check has really helped me.”

“I can e-mail my teachers when I am struggling or need the assignments if I were to be sick.”

“Technology has helped me throughout the year with school projects, conferring with teachers, talking with project partners, and helped me with my writing and assignments.”

“Technology has helped me produce a professional scientific Genetic PowerPoint presentation.. “

“Technology this year has taught me many things. Some of them were drawing, GarageBand, PowerPoints, the use of Smartboards, Moodle and e-mail. This helped me in projects and essay assignments.”

“I enjoyed doing the newscast project, because it was fun to use the smartboard in front of a camera. It enhanced my learning experience.”

“I enjoyed Trading of the Clans because we got to use the smartboard and use powerpoint.”

“Moodle helped me find out any assignments that I missed if I was absent. I loved learning to draw on Microsoft Word this year and discovered that I can do more than I thought I could. Technology has really helped enhance many projects from my 6th grade year.”

“ I most enjoyed doing the cartoon in art. The drawing on Word was fun. I had no clue that you could actually do an art project on a computer!! I also enjoyed the Garageband project for music. It was really fun to make our own song.”

“I think that Moodle is helpful, because it provides a place where you can get your HW if you forget it, and because we can use digital documents instead of handing out paper.”

“Moodle is very helpful, without it I wouldn’t know what my homework was when I am sick or when the tests are, or even what time Latin Family is! Hey Magis! I would love it if ALL the teacher put up their homework, and download their worksheets.”

“I find that Moodle has helped me soooooo much! Teachers can post up quizzes to practice for upcoming tests. Right now in Latin we are doing a project where we need lots of pictures and then the teacher can post the pictures on Moodle so we can easily have access to them. Also we can do assignments in Moodle. Like in Art, we can post up assignments that the teacher gives us for Math we can see our homework assignment for each night. Moodle REALLY is a great website!!! big grin.”

“I don’t find Moodle helpful, because very few teachers update it often. If it was updated more often, then it would be much more helpful.”

“Often the current assignments are not posted, so it cannot be helpful. Such as last night’s homework or worksheets for example. They’re rarely posted the day that they are assigned.”

“Moodle is helpful. It is a cool, easy way to turn in work without wasting paper. Also, it is a good way to get resources from home if you left them at school. Again, it saves paper by posting up paper rather than printing it and handing it to us or printing a paper and turning it in.”

“Tell more of the teachers to post up more quizzes because I always feel more confident when I do them and they’re a fun way to get the information in your head.”

“I really liked how we can do art mysteries via Moodle instead of having to bring something to class.”

“I think that technology @Menlo is really helpful. You help us a lot! Smile”

“I would like to say how important computer lab time has been, because without it I probably wouldn’t know how to do some of the things I now know how to do.”

“If all the teachers could keep their Moodle pages up to date, it would be helpful.”

“Maybe some of the teachers could use better use of the smartboards.”

“The technology here is awesome and it definitely helps.”

“Maybe next year all the teachers should use Moodle. It would make it easier for the students!”

Comments from the 7th graders:

“I enjoyed Noodlebib, because it helped me with citations.”

“Dude That’s Wrong was a fun project that utilized technology.”

“I liked using the blogs because we could easily and quickly see each other’s work. Secondly, I like having school e-mail too because all of my partners e-mails. “

“I’ve enjoyed the drug Powerpoints because they teach you a lot and you can learn lots of interesting facts. I also liked the Medieval letter because you could make up your story while learning something at the same time.”

“I have been able to create an effective visual aid for presentation, such as for my “Dude That’s Wrong” project, or for my Human Skills drug presentation.”

“Technology has helped me give PowerPoint presentations, such as the Revolutionary War PowerPoint, and has helped me write all of my English papers using Word.”

“I enjoyed making the art card in Art, because it let me explore the many drawing tools of Word. “

“Technology has helped me by becoming a faster writer in English and History when writing for projects. And, it is faster to do citations on Noodlebib.”

“Moodle was really good when I forgot to write down my homework, or to get practice quizzes from Spanish class. It was helpful for math because we got review sheets. I liked Moodle a lot actually I think it was very helpful. My e-mail was helpful too, but I didn’t use it as much as I used Moodle.”

Technology has helped me with countless writing assignments such as poems. It has also helped me with research for my Dude That’s Wrong project.”

“I mostly enjoyed when in math we used computers to make triangles and measurements. It was great fun.”

“It is extremely helpful to have laptop carts and desktops in all the classes.”

“I really enjoyed the card project in art: that was fun! I never knew you could do that in Word. I also liked doing the poetry recordings because it was so funny to hear my voice n the computer. I enjoyed Garageband too, I liked learning how to put music to movies.”

“(big grin) When I needed to record my voice for English class, I learned how to make a garage band do that and I was able to put it into the blog with my poetry. Also, during art, we had to submit art mysteries on Moodle, and I was able to do that.”

“I enjoyed writing my English short stories. Having it on a Word document made it a lot easier to make quick corrections. Therefore, I was more eager to have peer edits and get feedback about my work.”

“Technology has helped me create my own music track, which was needed in Music class. Also, it has helped me improve my presentation skills by learning how to use PowerPoint.”

“I enjoyed the drug PowerPoint project a lot. I liked being able to do what I wanted with the theme and music, and learning how to include a soundtrack with a slide show presentation will be a helpful tool in the future. Another project I had fun completing was the Art Cartooning. I furthered my knowledge on using shapes and drawing tools on Word, and am more comfortable and confident with the controls and settings of Word.”

“I loved the Dude project. I had fun making the PowerPoint and the blog, and I really embraced my issue. I loved the Garageband projects I would do in my spare time during computer clubs. If it wasn't for technology, I wouldn't be making music. So one thing to honor the beautiful world of technology – what would we do without you?”

“I enjoyed doing the English Blog project, because I really enjoyed recording my voice and in the end hearing it on my own blog. Secondly, I enjoyed using Excel in Math because I personally like math myself, and Excel showed me the endless possibilities you can do in math, even with a computer.”

“I think Moodle is extremely helpful, because it makes it easy to submit assignments, and you can send messages to your friends. (smile)”

“Moodle helps a lot with projects and courses because we don't have to get handouts, we can just go online.”

“Moodle is very helpful, because our teachers can post instructions and assignments on the Moodle site. Also we can go there if we forget to write down our homework.”

“ I do find Moodle helpful especially when I am sick. It allows me to see the homework so I can make it up.”

“I would like to tell you that I think some of the teachers that have the old smartboards need to learn more about them and how to use them b/c they are harder.”

“ I especially like using Moodle in Spanish class. The teacher can post up the homework in case you forgot to write it down. In addition, Ms. Barad also posts up quizzes you can do to study for a test.”

“Teachers at Menlo only use their smartboards about once a month.”

Comments from the 8th graders:

“I have enjoyed decades where i got to create a podcast as well as a powerpoint.”

“I liked the DC Journal a lot because it was a great reflection. The Japanese Comic Life project was also awesome because putting the photos in from all three years was cool.”

“I liked the Decades Podcasts because we were able to go much further with our use of the program. Also, it was fun to use iMovie because I'd never used it before and it was interesting how it worked.”

“I really liked the podcast projects, because we could use all different parts of GarageBand to add pictures and additional music. I also really liked the Japanese Comic Life project.”

“I enjoyed making my Spanish movie because I could add cool transitions and customize or film.”

“I really like the innovations project because we get to make our own technology.”

“I really enjoyed doing the art self portrait project where we took a picture and then used Photoshop. That was a lot of fun.”

“Technology has helped me research for projects like decades. I like to type our essays and work rather than writing.”

“I enjoyed decades and creating the podcast. I enjoyed making my French iMovie.”

“During class, sometimes we get to work on lab reports and essays with the laptop carts instead having to write them. In Math, we use the smart board for taking some notes and we have typed notes which is a lot easier for different topics.”

“Decades was a lot of fun because we put a lot of work into it and it paid off in the end. It was a new way to learn about things from our friends. The presentation was interesting to come up with using different medias such as movies, skits, dances, Powerpoints, and posters. I also enjoyed the comic life project in Japanese a lot because it was fun to remember all of our times in Middle School.”

“I really enjoyed doing the podcasts this year, the regular one for history class and the "interrupting the broadcast" one. It was a really fun way to learn and teach different concepts and chapters.”

“We do a lot of essays and online readings, on Moodle, in English class. For decades it was really helpful to be able to work with Powerpoints and podcasts.”

"I really liked learning how to use iMovie while making my French movie. I now know how to use it on my own. I also liked doing the Podcast for the history decades project."

"I enjoyed Decades the most because we used a whole bunch of technology and it made me feel smart being able to know them all."

"I enjoyed using Photoshop because it's so amazing how you can make a picture turn into a great beautiful work of art with this cool application."

"For me, I go on Moodle for doing my homework or getting a math worksheet if I lost mine. However, I think Moodle can be put into better use if teachers list all the homework assignments on there. Also, it'd be cool if they post due dates and we could post questions and discussions on what we're studying. I notice that not a lot of teachers post things regularly on Moodle."

"Moodle is very helpful when I forget my homework it provides me with the ability to reprint it."

"I found Moodle helpful only in the last couple of weeks. I actually didn't use Moodle very much in the year. However, the few times I visited Moodle it was quick and easy, very helpful."

"Moodle is especially helpful in Spanish where the teacher posts practice quizzes to study the vocab words."

"Sometimes when I forget to write down the homework, I go to Moodle for that, but nothing else really...so its not that helpful"

"Moodle is only helpful when teachers post the assignments on Moodle, but teachers normally do not do this. It is also helpful when we have readings on Moodle so we do not have to have packets of paper."

"Moodle is sometimes helpful for homework if I am absent. Most of the teachers don't use Moodle though."

"I find Moodle helpful because I can find messages from teachers."

"Moodle is helpful because it allows me to check homework, do practice quizzes, and find links to helpful websites."