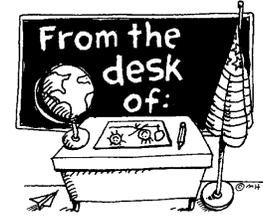


Spring Forward

From the teacher's desk...

I was watching a TED Talks video this morning, featuring Sir Ken Robinson. He is an educator and author, writes about learning and creativity. He said something that really struck home for me. He said, "If you're not prepared to be wrong, you'll never come up with anything original". It's so true!! Yet, we spend a fair amount of time trying to avoid mistakes! That one thought reinforced my thinking about mistakes in our classroom. In our class we call them fantastic moments, because they ARE fantastic – we are learning something new. In fact, when students make a mistake, they raise both hands and holler, "FANTASTIC!"



Again, please mark your calendars for our upcoming SAGE testing. As I stated before, it's imperative that your student is in school these days; they do better when taking the test with their peers and we have limited time to make up the tests. Thank you!!

April 26 Writing	May 3 Language Arts	May 10 Math	May 17 Science
April 29 Writing	May 5 Language Arts	May 12 Math	May 19 Science

Language Arts

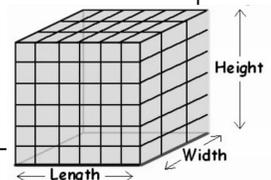
Our SAGE testing begins this week with writing on Tuesday and Friday. I hope you'll do everything possible to help students get plenty of sleep and have a good breakfast before sending them off on test days. We tried a "practice run" last Friday, as the student read the resource information, created their graphic organizers, and wrote all in one setting. I was – and continue to be – so proud of these kiddos! I think they were proud of their efforts as well...as many scored the highest they have ever on their first try! Thank you, thank you for all you do to support these scholars at home.

Math

In this geometry unit, **our final math unit!** students have learned how to sort and classify triangles according to sides (equilateral, isosceles, scalene) and angles (right, acute, obtuse). This week we'll delve deeper as we study quadrilaterals, solids, and begin discovering how to calculate volume of solid shapes. As with most math topic, solving for volume is based on a strategy they have already learned, solving for area.

Area = length x width.

Volume = length x width x height.



Science and Social Studies

Magnets are just so darn ATTRACTIVE!! This week we'll take look at *electromagnets*. . .which have so many uses in our daily lives. Think doorbells, MagLev trains, speakers, MRIs, microphones, home security systems, TVs, computers, cars. My husband will be a Special guest this week, demonstrating how magnets are used in speakers and guitars!



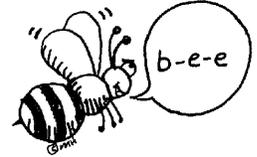
We'll be moving forward from Western Expansion on to the Civil War! This was an exciting time the history of our nation and students are always eager to learn more. As always, Miss Susan will enrich our history learning with arts from the time period.

This Week's Spelling Words

Greek & Latin Roots:

super, sur- above, over,
on top of

- surpass
- superlative
- superficial
- surmount
- survey
- superb
- supercharge
- surcharge
- surface
- surplus



Challenge Words:

- supercilious
- superstition
- surveillance
- superfluous
- insurmountable

This Week's Vocabulary Words

Word of the Week: *passage*



- attract
- magnetic field
- repel
- natural magnet
- temporary magnet

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Boxtops: We will continue to collect box tops. The winner at the end of the year will earn a fabulous reward!

Upcoming Events

- April 26 SAGE Writing 1:15 PM
- April 29 SAGE Writing 8:45 AM
- April 29 Art Festival
- May 3 SAGE ELA 8:45 AM
- May 5 SAGE ELA 10:30 AM
- May 10 SAGE Math 8:45 AMp



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