

May Flowers

From the teacher's desk....

This time of the school year, when we are wrapping up and looking back, I'm always reminded of why I choose to teach. I know I'm biased, but I believe teaching to be a most necessary, important, and noble calling, which I take very seriously. Each day your children file – and sometimes dance or skip – into the classroom where I have the humbling opportunity to teach them what they need to know to succeed life. I'm hopeful that academics aren't the only area of study in which my students excel. Each day we also talk and learn about accountability, integrity, kindness, grit, and so many other values that contribute to a successful life. Thank you for trusting me with your treasures.



Watch for a note coming home today from Miss Marilee, our truly gifted and amazing music teacher. She has invited parents to join their children on Monday, May 9 in their music class. Together you will sing songs, play instruments, move to music, and have oodles of fun!

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 !!

May 3 Language Arts 10:30

May 10 Math 8:45

May 17 Science 1:15

May 5 Language Arts 1:15

May 12 Math 10:30

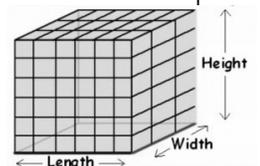
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Language Arts

Can I just say how proud I am of this class of writers? Students spent at least 3 hours last week writing a persuasive and an informative essay for the SAGE writing assessment. They seriously rocked it. While we don't have score yet, Mrs. Garrett and I were in awe of the students. Nary a question for support, they simply sat down, organized their thoughts, created a graphic organizer, and began. I reveled in the sound of click, click, clacking of the keyboards. The prompt asked for 2-3 paragraphs. Every student wrote 5 paragraphs. I'm busting my buttons! **Congratulations, writers!!**

Math

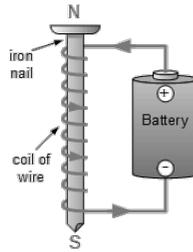
Last week students were introduced to the concept of **volume**. This unit, geometry and measurement, is one of my favorites because of all the hands-on opportunities it affords the students. We started with connecting blocks, and moved onto building a student-made box with Base-10 blocks. When students see the actual solid, this time a rectangular prism, the formula comes easily. Back in the day, when I was a munchkin, we were simply taught the formula. When students build their own shapes, they can derive the formula all on their own.



Science and Social Studies

I hope you were able to view the short video I emailed last week of your children racing cars with magnets. It was such a blast and they didn't even know they were learning about repulsion and attraction! This is truly the best way for students to learn.

This week? Electromagnetism!!



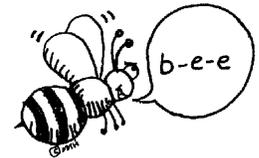
As a preface to our study of the Civil War, students have been learning about the Underground Railroad. The timing of this study coincides so perfectly with the announcement of Harriet Tubman on the new \$20 bill!

This Week's Spelling Words

Greek & Latin Roots:

ad - to, toward, add to, near

adapt
admire
address
adhere
adore
advice
adjoin
adverb
admission
adoption



Challenge Words:

adjacent
adorn
adjective
advertise
addendum

This Week's Vocabulary Words

Word of the Week: *passage*



attract magnetic field repel
natural magnet temporary magnet

Remember...easy ways to enhance the budget at Canyon Rim Academy!

Smith's: Please go online and register as a Smith's customer. On your account page you will have an opportunity to choose CRA as your community rewards school.

Amazon: Shopping through Amazon? Sign in to Amazon through **smile.amazon** and choose CRA as your selected charity.

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

Upcoming Events

May 3 SAGE ELA 8:45 AM
May 5 SAGE ELA 10:30 AM
May 8 Happy Birthday, Matthew!!
May 9 Parent Participation Music 9:35
May 10 SAGE Math 8:45
May 12 SAGE Math 10:30



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