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From the teacher's desk....

Three weeks!!! I can't even believe I'm typing that. This year has absolutely flown by. Yet, at the same time, I feel that I've come to know your child deeply because of the abundant amount of time spent together.

We will finish up our SAGE testing this week with the science exam on **Tuesday at 1:15 and Thursday at 8:45**. I will include a copy of your child's testing analyses with the end-of-year papers. The ELA and Math scores are all in, and I'll have the science scores by the end of the week.

The significance of these scores is a double-edged sword. On one hand, the scores are a fairly accurate snapshot in time of how far your child has progressed in the three core subjects: Language Arts, Math, and Science. As a teacher I use this information to guide my instruction and analyze your child's strengths and weaknesses. The information will also be extremely useful for their 6th grade teacher. On the other hand, there is so much more to your child and your child's growth this year than simply measurement in these three areas. **As a whole, this eclectic group of scholars has learned so much about kindness, empathy, honesty, hard work, tenacity, and personal power.** These traits and characteristics cannot be measured on a test, yet if they could, most students would be earning a 4 in each and every one!



Language Arts

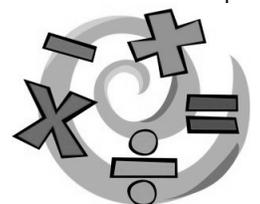
Students' reading homework will continue to be a science packet each night as we review for the SAGE science testing this week. The packets will be in their mailboxes Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and posted on the website as well. A quick quiz will be given the following morning to assess student understanding.

On a lighter note, how many of your children are obsessing over "Michael Vey"? We are reading it in class and can't get enough of it! I know **Izabelle** has read the first three books in the series in about 10 days!!

Math

Our Math SAGE scores are in, and again, I'm busting buttons over here! **The overall average increase for the class is 58%! Additionally, students grew by 75% in Number Operations, 68% in Fractions and 119% in Measurement, Data, and Geometry!**

I am so proud of this group of youngsters! They have worked so incredibly hard this year and it certain shows. Thank you for all the support you've given them in math.



Science and Social Studies

As I've stated before, these last two science units, magnetism and electricity are my favorites! I think the students agree. Last week we had yet another race... this one with balloons and soda cans. Students rubbed the balloons on their hair, shirt, or carpet, built up a negative charge, and then pushed their soda can in a race across the classroom!



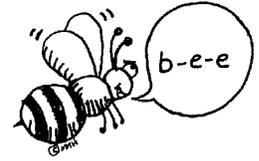
As a preface to our study of the Civil War, students have been learning about the Underground Railroad. The timing of this study coincides so perfectly with the announcement of Harriet Tubman on the new \$20 bill!

This Week's Spelling Words

Greek & Latin Roots:

sed, sid, sess - sit, settle

- preside
- resident
- sediment
- session
- sedate
- subside
- obsess
- president
- residue
- repossess



Challenge Words:

- sedimentary
- residual
- sedation
- subsidy
- sedentary

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 17 SAGE Science 1:15 PM
- May 19 SAGE Science 8:45 AM
- May 19 Band & Orchestra Performance 2:30
- May 25 5th Grade Program Rehearsal 2:30
- May 26 5th Grade Program/Students 9:00
- May 26 5th Grade Program/Parents 2:30



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