Thursday Thoughts - January 6, 2022

WELCOME BACK STEAM @ TOPE FAMILIES! We are looking forward to an excellent second half of this school year.

Our January words of the month are persistence and perseverance! Students are working on reviewing our Standard Operating Procedures, thinking about New Year's Goals AND some have set a word or a mantra for the New Year. I shared that my word for this year is STRENGTH. Do you have a word or a goal that you are focused on for the New Year? Share it with your child and talk to them about what they are focusing on! Tune into our Growth Mindset Announcements to stay updated on our daily messages!

<u>COVID Update</u> Please stay updated with district shifts in COVID responses that are emailed out through the Superintendent's office. Thank you!

January Upcoming Dates/Events	February Upcoming Dates/Events
11th - PTA 17th - No School- MLK Jr. Day 18 - Elementary Planning Day 24th - PBL Kickoff for 1st 24th and 25th - Jump Rope for Heart	4th- Pastries for Parents (pending) 8th- PTA 21st- No School Presidents Day 17th, 23rd and 24th Mid-Year Conferences

Please friend us on our STEAM @ Tope Facebook page! We are working to update our page and let you peek inside our walls weekly!

https://www.facebook.com/STEAM-at-Tope

Below is a Winter Break Challenge for your child-- JOIN them in the opportunities!



Winter Break Challenge

There's more to Winter Break than playing Fortnite and scrolling Tik Tok! Get creative with your time and complete these fun challenges over the Winter Break. Pull in friends and family to join you and take pictures! If you post them on social media, don't forget to tag us and your campus!



Color in the heart for each day to mark the challenge complete!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Clean your room and find gently used clothes and toys to donate.	Bake cookies for a local service member or someone in your neighborhood.	Smile at every person you see today.	Fill a jar with candy and affirmations to give to a friend or family member.	Write a thank you note to your mail carrier or trash collector.	Play a game or do a puzzle with someone in your family, or with a friend.	Do something kind for a neigh- bor, but don't let them know who did it!
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Give five affirmations to five different people today.	Write down all the positive qualities about yourself.	Choose one word that you want to focus on in 2022.	Build a family Social Contract to help you have the very best 2022!	Write a thank you note to a friend or family member.	Do a chore around the house without being asked!	Pick up litter in your neighborhood or at a local park. Leave the space better than you found it!
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It is IMPERATIVE that you take a moment to fill out the link for Free and Reduced lunch. It is located on the D51 website under "Quick Links" https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict

CURRENT PBLs- updates to come!

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Create a beautiful life at home with your child,

Carrie Bollinger

"Around here, however, we don't look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious ... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." Walt Disney