

Thursday Thoughts - February 10, 2022

**Hello Wonderful STEAM @ Tope Families!**

**We love February and VALENTINES DAY CELEBRATIONS ARE MONDAY!**

- **Awwwwwwweeee, the season of LOVE. Just a reminder that we do not encourage YOUNG LOVE at school. Please support us in encouraging our learners to focus on learning, loving each other and not on finding their soulmate in elementary school. :) THANK YOU!**
- **Each class is celebrating in different ways - Teachers will be sending out more information soon.**
- **Please DO NOT have deliveries of flowers, balloons, candy, etc to the school. These items can be a distraction, and will not be delivered to classrooms. They will remain in the office and students will be called to the office at the end of the day on their way out.**

#### **HOMEWORK FOR ILLNESS RELATED ABSENCES**

**In an effort to respond to the illness related absence protocol shifts, we have created a new system. We will no longer provide Chromebooks and homework packets in the office. You will find an attachment at the end of this document. This attachment will give the HOMEWORK assigned for each grade level in the event that your child is absent. This "HOMEWORK MENU" will be set for the rest of the year. If you want additional work, you may contact your child's teacher with an individual request. A HOMEWORK MENU will be provided to each parent at their child's individual conference. \*\*\*If your child is on an Individualized Education Plan, their case manager will contact you to notify you if work is left in the office. THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD STAY ACTIVE IN THEIR LEARNING IN THE EVENT THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO BE AT SCHOOL.**

**PTA- met and discussed ways to bridge the gap between parents, school and staff now that protocols have been lifted. We are looking at several ideas and thoughts. We are investigating the potential of a peach selling fundraiser for the future, a BBQ at the end of the month and the upcoming STEAM Night! We hope you consider joining a future meeting. Our next meeting is March 8th from 4:15-5:15 in the library!**

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## **HEALTHY KIDS = HEALTHY MINDS**



### **Simple Ways to Practice Gratitude**

We all could use a little more positivity and encouragement, especially when starting something new. Below are quick and easy ways you can jump-start your journey to becoming Healthy for Good. Don't forget to post your progress on social media so we can cheer you on!

- Kick off the day by writing down a hobby or special interest you've picked up this year & celebrate how far you've come. You deserve it.
- Find three things you love about yourself & write them down. Then stand in front of a mirror & read them out loud. Feels pretty good to love yourself, doesn't it?
- Beauty can be found in the most unlikely places. So today, stop, look around & capture a mental (or actual) snapshot of the beauty you see.
- If something frustrates you today, hit your pause button. Take a breath & reframe the moment by focusing on what IS going your way. A little positivity goes a long way.
- When's the last time you celebrated all the amazing things your body can do? Take two minutes to really think about it, then store those happy thoughts for a rainy day.
- Start your day with a smile, even with an early phone alarm by renaming it something like "I will live fiercely today." Nothing but positive vibes all day.

**Conferences are this month and they will be in person. Google Meet will be an option if preferred. We look forward to meeting with you all. As we prepare for this important time, we ask that you~**

- *Please show up and please show up on time -- Our teachers have back to back conferences and unfortunately, we cannot accommodate late arrivals.*
- *Please come prepared with any questions and/or concerns.*
- *Please come as part of the team committed to academic, social and emotional growth for your child.*
- *Please monitor children during the conference.*
- *There is limited time, please ensure that all communication is centered and focused around your child*

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<u>February Upcoming Dates/Events</u>	<u>March Upcoming Dates/Events</u>
<u>21st- No School Presidents Day</u> <u>17th, 23rd and 24th Mid-Year Conferences</u> <u>25 - Student of the Month</u>	<u>8 - PTA Meeting</u> <u>10 &amp; 11 NO SCHOOL</u> <u>13 - Daylight Savings begins</u> <u>21-25 - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL</u>

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>

CURRENT PBLs- updates to come!

**KINDERGARTEN-** Steam at Tope kindergartners need a way to reinvent our cafeteria space so that it can be used for multiple opportunities to inspire 21st century learning.

**1ST GRADE-** STEAM at Tope learners need a way to respect and honor our first responders so that they feel supported within our community.

**4TH GRADE-** Steam @ Tope 4th graders need a way to use our water resources more wisely in our homes and schools to lessen the impact of water scarcity in our community.

Create a beautiful life at home with your child,

*Carnie Bollinger*

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### Homework Menu for (Illness related Absences)

#### Kindergarten:

- Read for 10 minutes
- Practice ball words
- Write a letter to your teacher telling you about something you have done.
- Practice counting to 120 by fives and tens.
- Practice your equations to 10

#### First Grade:

- Read for 20 minutes
- Practice SNAP words
- Practice addition and subtraction math facts within 20
- Practice counting by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's to 120 starting with any number
- Write a letter to someone in our classroom.
  - Include capitals, punctuation, and best handwriting

#### Second Grade:

- Use the attached monthly homework calendars.
- Complete 15 of the activities during your extended leave.
- Record the activities in your planner or print the calendar out and cross out what was chosen.

#### Third Grade:

- Read for 30 minutes
- Write about what you read (include capitals, punctuation, & check spelling)
- Practice Word Work words from your planner (if applicable)
- Practice Multiplication Math Facts for 15-20 minutes.

#### Fourth Grade- Daily

- Read for 30 minutes
- Write about what you read (include capitals, punctuation, & check spelling)
- Practice Spelling words from your planner (if applicable)
- Practice Multiplication Math Facts for 15-20 minutes.

#### Fifth Grade:

- Read for 40-50 minutes
- Write about what you read
  - Check your CUPPS
- Practice the multiplication standard algorithm and Big 7 for division
- Play a board game or card game (make sure to read the directions!)
- Get outside and do some science observations