

Thursday Thoughts - MARCH 3, 2022

**Hello Wonderful STEAM @ Tope Families!**

**March is just simply invigorating! It is FABULOUS to feel the warmth in our bodies, sunshine on our faces, and this radiates and awakens our souls! We are just weeks away from Spring Break, Daylight Savings and sunshine past 6:00 pm!**

**This also reminds us that we ONLY HAVE SO MUCH TIME LEFT with these learners in this grade level and we want to cherish every minute with them. We are working hard to keep them on track with their learning and find ways to have some fun!**

**Our Rube Goldberg participants will have their videos submitted by the end of the day tomorrow! We are super excited for this experience and look forward to continuing to grow our capacity with ALL THE STEM OPPORTUNITIES as the years continue.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL PARENT STEAM NIGHT ON APRIL 28TH. THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE EVENING -- MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON!**

**THANK YOU FOR LOVING YOUR CHILD AND SUPPORTING THEIR LEARNING HERE AT STEAM @ TOPE ELEMENTARY!**

*Create a beautiful life at home with your child,*

*Carrie Bollinger*

<u>March Upcoming Dates/Events</u>	<u>April Upcoming Dates/Events</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>	<u>CMAS BEGINS for grades 3-5</u> <u>14- 1st grade music concert</u> <u>21- Talent Show</u> <u>28- STEAM NIGHT</u>

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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.

**5TH GRADE** - Steam @ Tope 5th graders need a way to increase involvement and awareness in conservation of Earth's resources and environment within Tope and our community.

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 when 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.

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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