

Thursday Thoughts - MARCH 17, 2022

Hello and Happy THURSDAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK!

We have a lot to look forward to as we continue to open up the school and welcome everyone in! You are welcome to join your child for lunch if you bring your own lunch. This is just to ensure that even our last wave of children have lunch and choices available!

CMAS is coming up! All third, fourth and fifth graders will begin testing on April 5th. Testing happens on Tues, Wed and Thurs for 3 weeks consecutively. Please try to have your child here and here on time to prevent makeup sessions or disruption of the testing environment. THANK YOU!!

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Here is a little more information about testing in Colorado.

<https://coloradosucceeds.org/testing-in-colorado/>

I am REALLY PROUD of all of our learners! We have had some AMAZING PBLs and solutions this quarter! WE ARE CREATING MINI-PROBLEM SOLVERS FOR THIS WORLD!!!

Create a beautiful life at home with your child,

Carrie Bollinger

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HOORAY to our 4th Grade Water Saving SuperStars! We have the opportunity to PUSH TWO PBL IDEAS FORWARD! One group (Eli Horner, Ameia Peralta, Kennedy Rollins and Winston Tobin) is presenting TODAY at the DISTRICT STEAM DESIGN CHALLENGE on "Water is Life". This group is trying to find a solution to conserve more water here at Tope! Our Second group (Kodi Kyle, Tyeson Baldwin, Annalise Johnson, Corbin Beshears) wants to beautify Tope's outdoor area near the Gazebo (which is the 4th grade PBL project that was selected from the first semester PBL) with NATIVE WATER SAVING PLANTS! How awesome is it that we have engineers and problem solvers in action?!

A BIG HUGE THANK YOU AND SHOUT OUT TO MRS. KYLE FOR ALL OF HER BEHIND THE SCENES WORK AND SUPPORT AS STEAM COORDINATOR THIS YEAR! WE APPRECIATE YOU!

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY QUARTER FOR STEAM!!!!

We have two teams for the RUBE GOLDBERG SIMPLE MACHINE CHALLENGE that have submitted their videos to be reviewed by a D51 and CMU panel of judges! We look forward to seeing how they do! CONGRATULATIONS TO- GROUP 1- Caroline Jacobs, Aydan Recibe, Hailey Brock, Hollister Huginin, Elliott Schneider, Piper Tow AND GROUP 2- Alexander Berry, Delanie Feather, Holland Ridgely, Wren Weatherly, Matteo Anthony, Eli Moore

<u>March Upcoming Dates/Events</u>	<u>April Upcoming Dates/Events</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.

3rd GRADE - The STEAM@Tope community needs social emotional tools to thrive during the changes and challenges of life.

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