

Thursday Thoughts - APRIL 7, 2022

Hello and Happy Thursday!

All third, fourth and fifth graders began 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!!

THANK YOU so much for all who were able to come out to the ART SHOW last week! What an amazing opportunity for Tope artwork to be celebrated and highlighted alongside CMU Art Majors and professional artists! THANK YOU MRS. FOSTER! We will make sure that next year ALL students have artwork displayed! Thank you for your support and suggestions!

I had the pleasure to meet with NEARLY every 3rd, 4th and 5th grader for a data talk and to encourage them and ease their minds about CMAS testing. Here at STEAM @ Tope, we believe that CMAS is not everything - YOUR CHILD IS EVERYTHING. Our goal is to prepare kids for their future and tests are part of their future. The ability to demonstrate learning while regulating emotions is preparing them for their future.

As a reminder, we do not accept Teacher Requests. We are proud of the work that we do collaboratively and students are exposed to both teachers in each grade level. A small team (including current grade level teachers) develop class lists based on multiple factors to ensure that we set everyone up for success.

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Here is a little more information about testing in Colorado.

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

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CONGRATULATIONS TO UR 2ND AND 5TH GRADERS WHO CLAIMED THE GOLDEN SPATULA AWARD FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH! Way to be SAFE, RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE in the cafeteria!

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!!!!

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.

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<u>APRIL Upcoming Dates/Events</u>	<u>MAY Upcoming Dates/Events</u>
<u>CMAS TESTING 3-5</u> <u>12 - PTA 4:15pm</u> <u>14- 1st grade music concert</u> <u>21- Talent Show</u> <u>25 5th Grade Middle School visits</u> <u>27 - Girls on the Run practice 5K</u> <u>28- STEAM NIGHT</u> <u>29 - Student of the Month</u>	<u>2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week</u> <u>3 - Special Olympics</u> <u>5 - 6 - 5th Grade Denver Trip</u> <u>7 - Girls on the Run 5K</u> <u>10 - PTA 4:15pm</u> <u>13 - NO SCHOOL - READ Plan conferences</u> <u>17 - Kindergarten Graduation</u> <u>18 - 5th Grade Graduation</u> <u>19 - Last Day of School</u>

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.**

Create a beautiful life at home with your child,

Carrie 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