

May Flowers

From the teacher's desk....

I was overwhelmed last week at the gracious and thoughtful gestures that were offered all week long in conjunction with Teacher Appreciation Week.

Thank you, thank you. Gifts and notes continued to stream in every day!

Teaching is truly an act of love for me and simply spending quality time with your children is completely fulfilling. Receiving all your heartfelt thoughts this last week was truly the icing on the cake. Many, many thanks.

I don't think it's a coincidence that Teacher Appreciation Week falls close to Mother's Day – as for me, teaching is simply an extension of mothering. My father-in-law is a curmudgeonly retired professor from an elite Connecticut prep school. I called their house the other day and he answered with his heavy Bostonian accent and his customary greeting, "Yes?". He asked how things are going out here and how my teaching is going. Of course I replied that I love every minute of it. He then added, "*It gives you an opportunity to continue your nurturing.*"

He's absolutely right. Teaching is so much more than academic lessons. It requires lessons about life as well. In fact, I believe that unless students feel that they are loved and accepted – unconditionally – in the classroom, the academic lessons will have little value.

This point was driven home for me yesterday in a Mother's Day note that my son gave to me. He wrote, "*You have taught us more about kindness and loving than we could have ever learned anywhere else. Thank you for always being a teacher.*"



Language Arts

Our SAGE ELA scores are in and I am on cloud 9!! **Your amazing scholars' average score grew by almost 50% from last year!** I honestly have never seen such growth in one class in one year. This is certainly a cause for much celebration!

Students' reading homework will be a science packet each night as we review for the SAGE science testing next week. The packets will be in their mailboxes each day and posted on the website as well. A quick quiz will be given the following morning to assess student understanding.

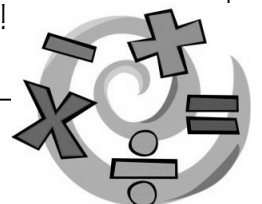
Math

We are finished with 5th grade math content!!! Phew...just in time for the SAGE math assessments this week. I'm postponing the geometry unit test until next week, as I don't want to fill our entire week with testing! Our math SAGE schedule for this week is:

Tuesday, May 10 8:45 AM

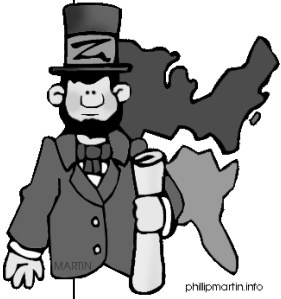
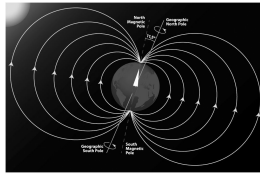
Thursday, May 12 10:30 AM

A good night's rest and a healthy breakfast is a great way to start these days...and all days! Thanks for your support!



Science and Social Studies

We'll finish up our magnetism unit this week with a study of compasses and the magnetic field of the earth. Did you know that this invisible field is the reason for the aurora borealis as well as a protection from the sun's solar wind? Without this field, the solar wind would strip off our ozone layer and all life as we know it would cease to exist.



As a preface to our study of the Civil War, students have been learning about the Underground Railroad. The timing of this study coincides so perfectly with the announcement of Harriet Tubman on the new \$20 bill!

This Week's Spelling Words

Greek & Latin Roots:

pon, pos – put, place

deposit

dispose

expose

depose

composite

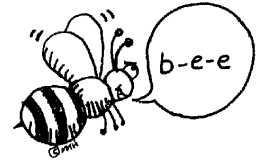
impose

opposite

position

postpone

posture



Challenge Words:

juxtapose

exposition

superimpose

preposition

component

This Week's Vocabulary Words

Word of the Week: *passage*



attract magnetic field repel
natural magnet temporary magnet

Remember...easy ways to enhance the budget at Canyon Rim Academy!

Smith's: Please go online and register as a Smith's customer. On your account page you will have an opportunity to choose CRA as your community rewards school.

Amazon: Shopping through Amazon? Sign in to Amazon through **smile.amazon** and choose CRA as your selected charity.

Boxtops: We will continue to collect box tops. The winner at the end of the year will earn a fabulous reward!

Upcoming Events

May 10 SAGE Math 8:45
May 12 SAGE Math 10:30
May 13 Happy Birthday, Raina!
May 17 SAGE Science 1:15 PM
May 19 SAGE Science 8:45 AM
May 19 Band & Orchestra Performance 2:30



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