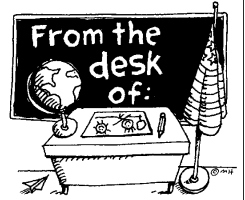


May Flowers

From the teacher's desk....

Here we are, just two weeks left in our school year! The year has flown for me. It truly just seems like yesterday I was getting to know this eclectic bunch of scholars, each different, each contributing what in their own special way to our community here in Pier 20.

Our SAGE tests are finished! Phew. I know students take this testing very seriously, and many were nervous going into the assessment. As they have done all year, they did their very best and the gains were impressive. Here's a snapshot of this particular group of scholars:

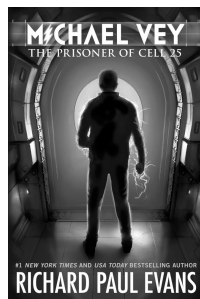


	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
ELA	56%	44%	58%
Math	48%	40%	61%
Science	N/A	40%	65%

These numbers reflect a **32% gain in ELA, 53% gain in Math, and 63% gain in Science!!** As I've state before, this is one snapshot in time of how these students are progressing. They have grown in so many areas this year, including **leadership, personal responsibility, kindness, and respect**, which, in my personal opinion, are even more important than their SAGE test scores.

Language Arts

Our current read aloud book is "Michael Vey" by Richard Paul Evans. Many of you may already know this, as many students are reading it at home as well...along with the other books in the series. It's been fun to read this in conjunction with our electricity unit in science as Michael Vey has unusual and extraordinary powers – he is electric (as we all are to some point) – and can surge, shocking others. Just another reason I love teaching in an interdisciplinary approach.

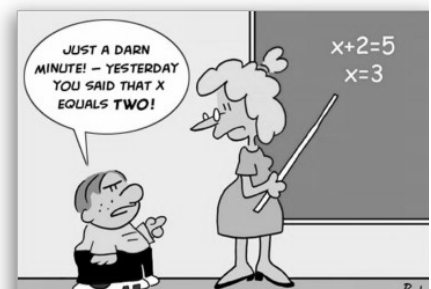


Math

We're dipping our toes into algebra these last couple weeks of school and the students are loving working with unknowns and variables, e.g x , y , n . Students are learning to solve equations such as: **Solve if $x = 39$, and $x = 45$: $x/3$.**

Students seem to love the challenge of working with higher math strategies and they are catching on quickly!

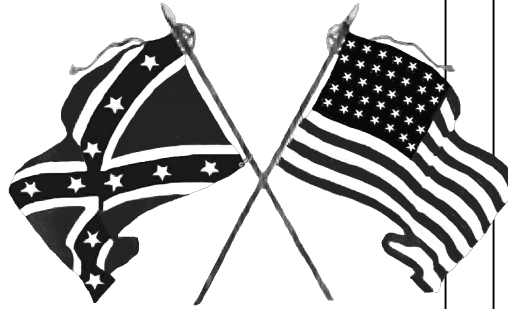
There will be no math homework for the remainder of the year – which was met with a collective hurra from the students. 😊



Social Studies

The students last week told me that they were sorry we didn't study more history this year...even though we started with the Age of Exploration and learned through the years to the Underground Railroad! So, listening to their learning desires, I have decided to dedicate this week to the Civil War. Students will be randomly assigned as a Union or Confederate Soldier.

We'll have all sorts of activities related to the issues, the various battles, the heroes on each side, and the eventual outcome (spoiler alert! 😊). I think it's going to be a great historical adventure!



This Week's Spelling Words

Greek & Latin Roots:

sol - sit

mon - only one

desolate

isolate

sole

solidify

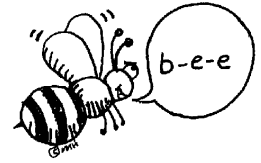
solitaire

soloist

monarch

monolith

monopolize



Challenge Words:

desolation

monochromic

monotonous

soliloquy

monastery

This Week's Vocabulary Words

Word of the Week: *passage*



Jim Crow 13th Amendment *secede*
free state Confederacy

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 24 State Reports Presentation
May 25 Happy Birthday, Maya!
May 25 5th Grade Program
 Dress Rehearsal/2:30 PM
May 26 5th Grade Program
 School/9 AM Parents/2:30 PM
May 27 Happy Birthday, Eliza!



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