



SHARK BITES



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Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Delucchi's Class Writing Expectations

We have been focusing on writing in our class this year. It is important for students to learn to write a proper paragraph. In addition to daily assignments that require writing, we do a Paragraph of the Week for morning work and daily journal writing. It is our hope that by this time of the year students are easily able to write a paragraph that has a topic sentence, 3 details about the topic in separate sentences, and a concluding sentence that restates the topic sentence. Recently the "hook" was introduced. The hook of a paragraph comes before the topic sentence and grabs the reader's attention to make them want to keep reading. Unfortunately, some students are turning in writing assignments that are not paragraphs or utilizing the resources that we give them such as a hook or framework to build their paragraphs. By now, most written responses should be in a paragraph. When checking your student's homework/assignments please see that they have responded in a paragraph when asked to do so. Also, another biggie is students not using capitals or periods. That should be an automatic skill and we are not seeing it.

Coming up in March is the TUSD District Writing Sample. Your child will be asked to write a compare contrast essay. This essay will contain multiple paragraphs. Let's work toward this together!!!



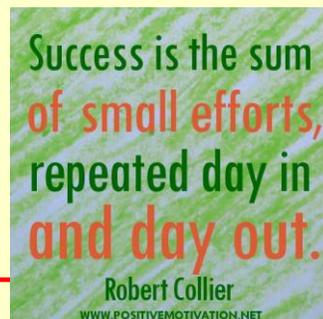
Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is approaching quickly. We will be celebrating in class. If you would like to bring in Valentines to share please do so, but is not required. If you do, please bring in one for each classmate. There are 25 students in our class. Please do not address the Valentines to one specific student. You may sign your name on the card. If you would like to bring a treat to share that is fine too. Please bring enough treats for everyone.



AR Goal #3 & End of Trimester

AR Goal #3 is due on Thursday, 1/26 due to no school on 1/27. If you have not yet met your goal please make this a priority. We will be closing the gradebooks around the 2nd week of February when the 2nd trimester ends. Yes, we are at least halfway through the school year and the 3rd trimester is right around the corner. Lets buckle down and focus on AR and turning in assignments that are your best work. Putting in that extra effort can turn a C grade into a B grade.



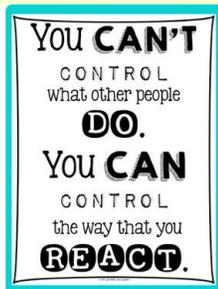
DARE

Thank you to those who buckled down and have caught up on their DARE work. Don't forget, in order to graduate from the program, attend the ceremony, receive a t-shirt, and have pizza, all lessons must be completed. We hope you are continuing to work on the writing task assigned by Officer Abs. The winner of the task will read his or her paper at the graduation ceremony on February 9th at 6:30 PM. Graduation is a really fun night that instills pride in your child. We look forward to seeing you there!



Reminders to Students

- Read 20 minutes every night.
- Get a good night's rest.
- Do your homework every night.



Reminders to Parents

- Check and sign the agenda every night, including Fridays. **THANK YOU** to all families for purchasing them!
- Please return Newsletter HW and the blue note in the envelope on Tuesday, January 24th.
- When emailing, please email both tinabrown@tusd.net and jdelucchi@tusd.net. Thank you!
- Students must have all supplies in class each day. Please replace when gone.

Highlights

Math:

Students will review and master addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with decimals.

Grammar:

See Reading Teacher

Spelling:

See Reading Teacher

Language Arts:

See Reading Teacher

History:

Students will write a compare and contrast essay about the 8 European Explorers.

Science:

Students will explain cycles appearing in nature and astronomy.

Upcoming Events

- 1/26: AR Goal#3 and DARE letter due
- 1/27: No School Staff Development Day
- 1/27: Happy Birthday Grace
- 1/31: Happy Birthday Angel
- 2/9: DARE Graduation @ 6:30
- 2/10: Minimum Day 12:30 dismissal
- 2/13: No School- Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/17: Student of the Month Assembly @ 1:30
- 2/20: No School-Washington's Birthday

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Newsletter Homework: Write and solve 3 math story problems. There must be one addition with decimals, one subtraction with decimals, and the third is your choice of either subtraction or addition. Please use correct punctuation in your story problems.