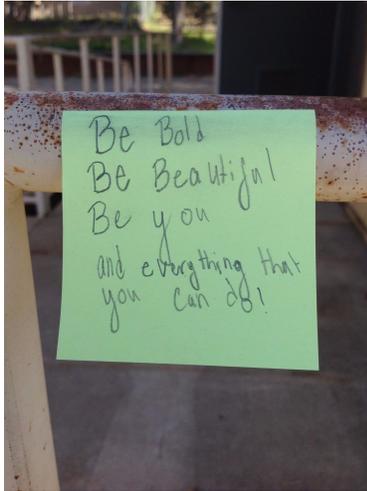


QHIA Weekly Update: February 3, 2017

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Hello families,

We had such a productive week! On Valentine's Day, I continued with my middle school tradition of "Positive Post-It Day". We watched a quick news story and then a TedTeen Talk about a girl in Canada who created a movement in response to being bullied. The kids then wrote positive affirmations on Post-Its and put them all over campus, including the Resource Center and District Office (with permission :) Jen Sims came in the next day and led a great workshop/discussion on Self-Love and your Inner Critic. I am so grateful to her for presenting these topics for discussion to our kids. Please take the time to read everything below, lots of important info for you...

Here are links to the videos:

<https://youtu.be/0zLteIn7IS0>

<https://youtu.be/cEIB84gf6uc>

Please complete the Quick 2 Question Survey that I sent today

Coming Up Next Week:

Monday, February 20: Another Student Holiday

Friday, Feb. 24: All Charter Skate Day at SC Roller Palladium from 1-3pm

Homework: It is so important to look at your student's CK12 account and see how they are progressing. Please don't rely on asking if they have finished everything :) Some students are falling behind expectations. By keeping track of their progress, and communicating with them about how they feel about the pace, we can better ensure your students' success with this Independent Study/Individualized Learning model of completing math and science. Generally, what students don't finish in class during our science/math lab time between 9-11 becomes homework. Students who don't arrive until 9:30 or 10:00, yet haven't completed some of their work at home prior to arriving, are at a disadvantage because they have less time to complete their work in school.

Classroom Snack Sign Up:

Thank you to Jocelyn Morris for providing snacks for our students last week, and thank you to those who are signing up for the weeks ahead. We appreciate it!

****Important:** Quite a few students are coming to school without food for the day. Please send your students with enough food. We have a short break in the morning some time between 9-11, a long break between 11-12, and a short break some time between 1-2:30.

Please use the following link to sign up to bring a snack for the week. Make sure whatever you bring, there is enough for 24 students. [QHIA Snack Sign Up](#)

Coming Up in Feb./March:

Mondays, starting Feb. 27: Yoga with Mary Zehr from 1:00-2:15

Wednesday, March 8: Screenagers at 7pm at the SLV PAC

Tuesday, March 14: Charter Info Night. SLVMS Library 6-7:30pm

April 3-7: Spring Break

April 24-28: QH site CAASPP State Testing Week

May 8-12: Charter Play Performance Week

May 24 & 25: Charter Talent Show Dress Rehearsal and Performance

Update for Feb. 13-17

Math and Science

CK12 and focused content packets for various students. We also completed a cut and paste Venn Diagram project regarding qualities of Acids and Bases.

American History

We listened to Hamilton tracks comparing lyrics to historical events; primarily Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists. Students took notes from powerpoints and created an Interactive Notebook with foldable shapes and color coding opportunities.

ELA

I introduced the topic of the Short Story genre, sharing a piece from science fiction writer, Frederic Brown, who is credited with writing one of the shortest stories ever in 1948: *Knock*, which reads as follows:

The last man on Earth sat alone in a room. There was a knock on the door . . .

Students shared images that came to mind when they heard this line, and wrote them down for an exercise in establishing setting with details/imagery, etc.

I read, *The Bet*, by Anton Chekhov, and students wrote down up to 10 story starts using a consistent formula for creating a one sentence beginning, and a related one sentence ending.

Here is an example:

WHEN / WHERE / WHO / WHAT

Beginning

At dawn/ outside the entrance to a rundown carnival /a six year old girl /walked a tightrope.

End

On a chilly autumn evening/ in a forgotten field/ a 16 year old girl /smiled to herself and walked away.

VAPA Analyzing "Hamilton"

Further Calendar Details:

Yoga with Mary Zehr on Mondays

Beginning Monday, February 27 and continuing through March for 5 weeks, my good friend Mary Zehr will be teaching Yoga to our students between **1:00-2:15**. ***Please note the time change.** If they have Yoga mats, please bring them, otherwise a towel will suffice. Please send your students in comfortable clothes they can change into or wear all day on these Mondays.

Thank you for sharing your students with me!

Sincerely,

Amber

All important info, including All Student Assignments and our calendar of events, will be accessible at any time here. Just click on this link:

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