



FALCON FRIDAY FOCUS

Friday, August 22, 2014

Believe
In
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County

Good Morning MCSD Staff!

We get what we give.

Life. It complicates things for us sometimes. We forget that it is fleeting. That it is the only one that we have to live. We get caught up in the world wind, and it tends to make us selfish, tired individuals. I'm guilty. I am guessing that you are guilty too.

This message is a reminder this morning to "love your people." What does that mean, you say? I am not talking about fluffiness...daisies and rainbows.

It means...

Do your work in the way that you wish everyone would do their work.

It is about being kind. No obligations—just kindness.

Encourage your coworkers and students. It means EVERYTHING.

Apologize when you need to...and be sincere. Sorry. It's just a five letter word.

Also, say thank you.

What legacy do you want to leave? When we are gone, what do you want people to say about the life you lived.

Remember...people will often forget the words you say, but they will NEVER forget the way you made them feel.

Make an effort today to connect, encourage, be present, and love.

Have a great Friday!

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<http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>

This is a great website with ideas to use in your classroom. You can filter ideas based on cost, times, and type. It even offers some lesson plans. It parallels the Leader In Me program we have in all of our schools. Check it out!

What do great teachers do?

This is one of the best lists I have seen when it comes to characteristics of a great teacher.

A great teacher is prepared.
A great teacher is organized.
A great teacher is a continuous learner.
A great teacher adapts.
A great teacher evolves.
A great teacher is proactive.
A great teacher communicates.
A great teacher networks.
A great teacher inspires.
A great teacher is compassionate.
A great teacher is respected. .
A great teacher makes learning fun.
A great teacher goes above and beyond.
A great teacher loves what they do.
A great teacher educates. (Not just curriculum...but about life.)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

~ Margaret Mead

Thoughtful Education

Below are the links to some wonderful graphic organizers to use in your classroom. These are research based best practices for ANY level!

Key Vocabulary Concept Map

<http://www.hopkins.kyschools.us/files/771097/keyvocabularyconceptmap.doc>

Mind's Eye

<http://www.hopkins.kyschools.us/files/771097/MindsEye.doc>

Priority Pyramid

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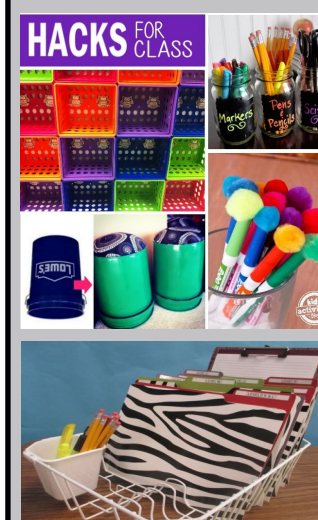
Reading for Meaning

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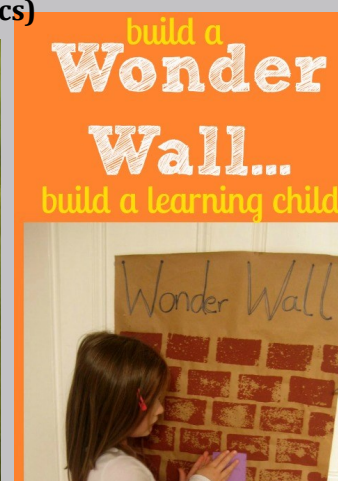
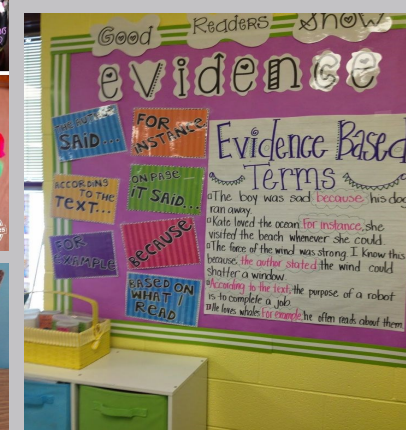
Reading for Problem Solving

<http://www.hopkins.kyschools.us/files/771097/ReadingforProblemSolving.doc>

A bunch more! <http://www.hopkins.k12.ky.us/HopkinsCounty.cfm?subpage=771097>



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