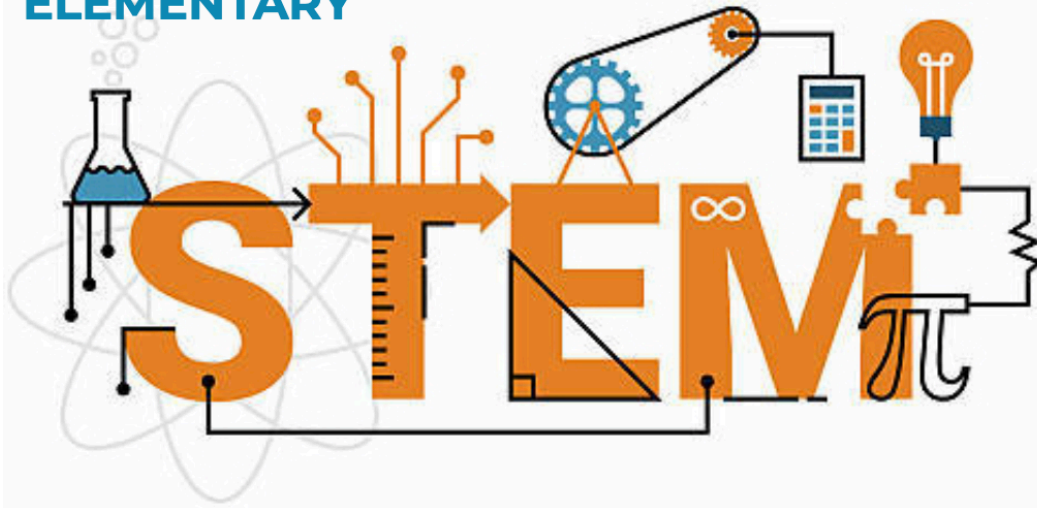


## ELEMENTARY



### Favorite Quotes

"If you can't fly, then run, If you can't run, then walk, If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

- Isaiah 40:28-31

"Fall in love with some activity, and do it! Nobody ever figures out what life is all about, and it doesn't matter. Explore the world. Nearly everything is really interesting if you go into it deeply enough. Work as hard and as much as you want to on the things you like to do the best."

- Richard P. Feynman

## May 2023

- **Kindergarteners** experimented with geometric shapes, learned about how students practice staying safe during different kinds of storms, and how oceanographers use special equipment to study coral reefs. Students also made a paper robot out of geometric shapes, a small wind sock called a "breeze buddy" to help them study the weather, and made paper snorkels.
- **First graders** completed the same lessons and activities as kindergarten.
- **Second graders** wondered why we can't see stars during the day and experimented to find out that stars are always there but the sky must be dark to see them and learned how wrecking balls are used to knock down structures. Students made a hoop glider, a little dipper constellation from a dixie cup, and a small model of a wrecking ball that they tested to see if they could knock down a wall (plastic cups) without hitting a nearby building.
- **Third graders** have been working diligently in groups to make a truss bridge out of craft sticks. We will test bridges next week. Previous classes have made bridges that held up to 187 pounds before they broke. We've been working hard for many weeks and the bridges are looking great.
- **Fourth graders** Mrs. Chunn's class is continuing construction of marble roller coasters. All groups have completed construction of the scaffolding/framework and are working on assembling track pieces and creating coasters. Mrs. Ebert's class completed construction of their cardboard prosthetic hands and tested them in the cardboard arm Olympics. Check out the pictures. It was fun and a great way to showcase the result of their hard work. *Note: both fourth grade projects have taken longer than anticipated to complete. Students will have an opportunity next year to make either the prosthetic arm or marble coaster.*
- **Fifth graders** Mr. Molina's class learned about the importance of electrical energy and how to make a simple circuit, created index card flash lights, and are working on heat engine spinners. Ms. Reading's class made hoop gliders, completed 10-15 coding lessons on code.org, made robotic creatures from Engino kits and raced them through a maze and used KEVA wooden planks to make a cantilevered design called "the eagle."



