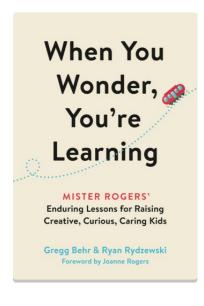
GT: 4th 9 Weeks

A review of the 4th 9 weeks in the 2021-2022 school year.

GT Year In Review

I will be speaking at the board meeting on Monday, May 16th. Feel free to attend and see the review of our year and where things are headed. You can view my presentation here.



When You Wonder, You're Learning

This is the final blurb about the book. If you want, you can buy it on Amazon.

"Empathy-like doing a cartwheel or drawing a really good circle- is something that has to be practiced. Help your kids to identify small things they can do to put themselves in other people's positions."

"Allow yourself to be vulnerable with your children. Adults, says Valerie Kinloch, "have to be vulnerable and willing to show that we're human beings who have feelings and who don't have all the answers. When we can show that to kids, they will always show it to us." Be honest when you don't know the answer to something, and invite your children along on your quest to discover the answer."

"Be willing to give your children-and yourself-a break when things get overwhelming. "Some days," said Rogers, "doing the best we can' may still fall short of what we would like to be able to do, but life isn't perfect on any front-and doing what we can with what we have is the most we should expect of ourselves or anyone else.""

If you have any specific requests for next year's book or a topic you want me to cover, please let me know!

GT in the LOCAL News

I have been tracking data on math and reading MAP for Kindergarten-6th grade since beginning of year 2020-2021. In case you did not know, I LOVE data. I am always **very** happy to conference with

you about your child's reports in case you need clarification of any kind.

I did notice something very interesting that I thought should be passed on to you. With our GT students, we are experiencing a drop in end of year scores to beginning of year scores in specific subjects and grades. In the education world, this is referred to as "Summer Slide." You can read more about Summer Slide here and here.



Expected scores from end of year to beginning of year are an increase of 1 point.

What is happening with our students?

MATH

4th to 5th: Drop 2 points 5th to 6th: Drop 6 points

READING

2nd to 3rd: Drop 2 points 3rd to 4th: Drop 2 points 4th to 5th: Gain 0 points 5th to 6th: Drop 2 points

While these are not significantly high losses, they are still considered setbacks in your child's growth. Now I'm not suggesting that you bombard them with worksheets (if you know me, I actually HATE worksheets). I am just suggesting that you keep your child's mind engaged throughout the summer while intertwining math and reading experiences.

Summer Enrichment Bingo Boards are a way to keep your child's brain active for free at home and are available in K-2 and 3-5.

Mrs. Camp and I are also hosting a half day camp called <u>In Our Element</u>. At the time I wrote this newsletter, we have 9 spots available.

For my own child, I made an academic bingo board using <u>Canva</u> challenging her to complete the level she's working on in Xtra Math and Beast Academy, read new chapter books, and work in any of her writing journals.

Whatever you choose to do, I hope that you all have an amazing summer. Personally, I'm hoping to read and listen to as many books as I can. With my crazy schedule, I'm a huge fan of Audible. I'm on book 53 this calendar year and my goal is 100.







El Tesoro UPDATE

The official dates for El Tesoro will be October 9-11, 2022.

Day Camp October 9
Overnight Camp (8+) October 9-11

I will start sending out registration information at the very beginning of the school year. We will need chaperones, so keep those dates free if you're able to!

K-6 Showcase

Here are some pictures of what our kids worked on at the end of the year. I'm SO sorry that I forgot to take pictures of the kinder kids' work after the last one I shared!! :(



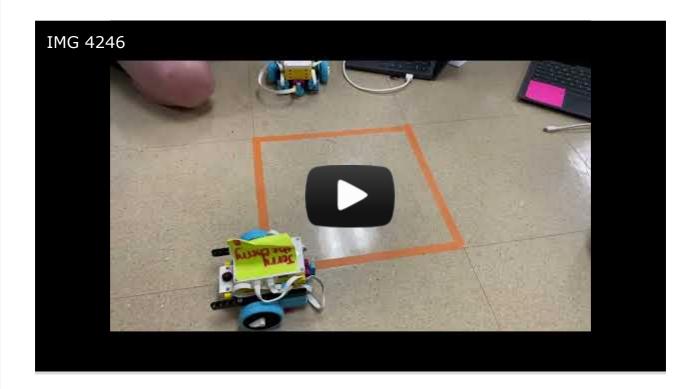












Think-A-Thon

Our 2nd-6th grade students ended their year with our first Think-A-Thon. They had a blast! Each grade's winning group got to take a picture with our new GOAT trophy. In addition, one lucky kid from 3rd-6th got to PIE ME in the face. Enjoy the pictures of this silliness!













GT Fundraiser

Godley's GT department is selling Godley ISD planners for the 2022-2023 school year! They're \$10 each.

We have both teacher and student versions available (same cover). I've attached the student's weekly layout, but it also includes a monthly view to begin each month. Our students prefered this layout because it features a specific after school planning section to make sure they're accounting for any extracurricular responsibilities.

You can order through this link:

https://www.vancoevents.com/.../56713/sections/35607/tickets

Orders will be accepted until the end of June. Deliveries will be made once school starts. In the event that we surpass our initial order of planners, a new batch will be ordered and delivered the first week of September.





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