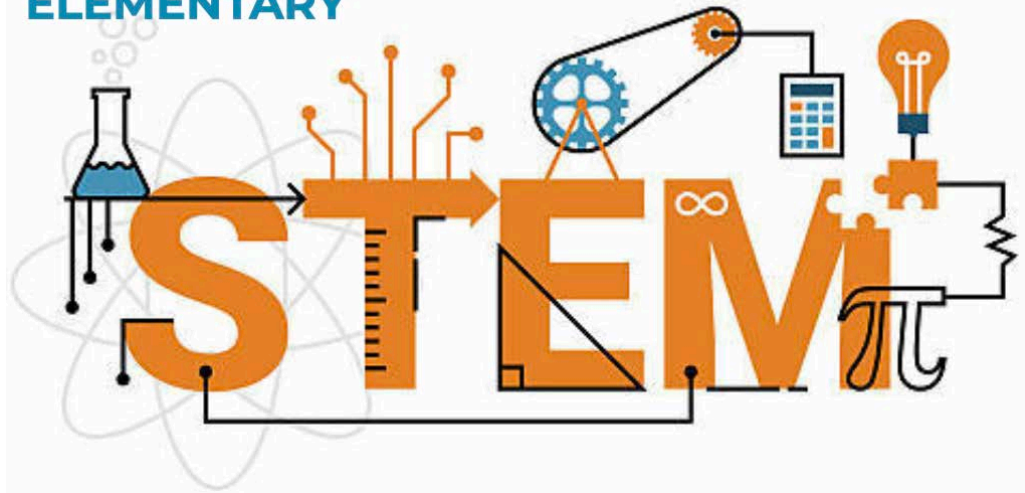


ELEMENTARY



Favorite Quotes

If we let ourselves, we shall always be waiting for some distraction or other to end before we can really get down to our work. The only people who achieve much are those who want knowledge so badly that they seek it while the conditions are still unfavorable. Favorable conditions never come.

- C.S. Lewis

Love others well, and don't hide behind a mask; love authentically. Despise evil; pursue what is good as if your life depends on it. Live in true devotion to one another, loving each other as sisters and brothers.

Be first to honor others by putting them first. Do not slack in your faithfulness and hard work. Let your spirit be on fire, bubbling up and boiling over, as you serve the Lord. Do not forget to rejoice, for hope is always just around the corner. Hold up through the hard times that are coming, and devote yourselves to prayer.

Share what you have with the saints, so they lack nothing; take every opportunity to open your life and home to others. If people mistreat or malign you, bless them. Always speak blessings, not curses.

- Romans 12: 9-14

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- **Kindergarteners** wondered why it gets cold in the winter and learned that the position and the amount of time the sun spends in the sky affects the temperature. Students also wondered why birds lay their eggs in spring and discovered that fledglings need time, warmth, and food that is abundant in the warmer months to grow strong. The nests they made were cute and cozy.
- **First graders** enjoyed reading a book called "Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly" and made model butterflies from paper and pipe cleaners. Students also wondered how sound is made and how sound effects engineers, also known as foley artists, make the sounds for animated movies, and practiced making sound for a rainstorm with our hands and feet and the "boing" sound of a bouncy ball with a paint stick. Thanks to Home Depot for giving these to us!
- **Second graders** used LEGO to make spinning tops that spin for the longest amount of time. The range of top spinning times was 10-20 seconds. Students also chose a building material from rotations and built a creative assortment of vehicles, structures, mazes, and domino sets.
- **Third graders** competed against other groups in a design challenge to use assorted objects to make a tabletop model of a catapult launcher and a hoop for March madness and test/improve its accuracy. Students also explored how magnets push and pull each other and attract certain types of metals.
- **Fourth graders** wondered how life would be different without electricity to kick off a unit about electricity (DC) that includes safety when building electrical things, conductors, insulators, switches, and simple electrical circuits. To show what they have learned students are working on making an LED flashlight with a working switch out of a toilet paper roll, wire, tape, and AA batteries.
- **Fifth graders** discovered that electricity is a form of energy, that electric current is the movement of electrical charge from one place to another, and that a circuit (circular pathway) must be closed (a connected loop) for current to flow. To show what they learned, students used Snap Circuits parts to build circuits that lit a bulb.

