

MONDAY NOTES

Weekly Communication

Teacher/Student weekly communication is mandatory this year. Please remind your students to answer our [weekly blog post](#) every Monday! You may want to put it on your calendar as "Monday Homework."



October Attendance

Please update your attendance information this week. Remember, extracurricular activities such as Elluminates, outings, and other educational ventures can be added to the OLS attendance screen as well. To see how many hours you had at the beginning of the month, go to your Attendance screen, click the CHANGE DATE button, and select September 30.

- ★ **Kindergarten** - 10 hours per week = 40 hours for October = 76 hours for the year
- ★ **1st-3rd** - 20 hours per week = 80 hours for October = 152 hours for the year
- ★ **4th-8th** - 25 hours per week = 100 hours for October = 190 hours for the year

October Progress

Your progress goal for **October is 10%** in all subject areas. In order to complete your child's Student Learning Plan, teachers will record progress and attendance on the morning of November 1. Please make sure all finished lessons and assessments are recorded as COMPLETE on your lesson list by the end of the month.

November's goal will be 10%. Please print your Progress Screen on November 1, add 10% to each course, and post it in your work area.

Class Connect Sessions

K12 has created a NEW Class Connect tab on your OLS home page that enables you to have access to Class Connect Sessions (Elluminate Sessions) in one convenient spot! This new feature provides you with a personalized daily and weekly schedule of your class Elluminate sessions. Many teachers will continue to use their traditional Elluminate classroom link, but you may notice scheduled Class Connect Sessions later in the year!

K-5 Social Hour

You are invited to the first *Elementary Social Hour* of the school year! This is your chance to play games and draw in Elluminate, while making new friends. This session is hosted by WAVA's Elementary Counselor and several WAVA teachers. Join us for the fun at **1pm on Thursday, October 28**. Elementary Social Hour takes place weekly on Thursdays at 1pm, for 40 minutes.

WAVA Wear

We are announcing an opportunity to purchase WAVA Wear! Many of you have seen people on outings wearing WAVA t-shirts, sweatshirts and baseball style shirts. This year we have added ¼ zip sweatshirts with an embroidered logo. For your convenience, you can order online. All you have to do is go to www.raisethebardsigns.com, click on store and then click on the WAVA sweatshirt. That will take you to the screen where you can purchase the various styles of shirts. I hope this makes it easier for you to order WAVA Wear. I would like to thank everyone who has expressed interest. I am glad we are finally able to offer you the opportunity to wear your colors! The cutoff date for this order will November 22nd. That will ensure delivery by December 15th.



Independent Work Folders

In a pocket folder, prepare a packet for your student to work on independently during the school day. Include Student Pages, spelling puzzles, math practice, and worksheets to complete while you are called away to take care of the baby, answer a phone call, work with another student, etc. These packets can be well prepared in a way that teaches children to work independently but also helps them to get through their daily subjects. Older students can create their own folders. This also helps when you have to take a trip, or run errands during the day – just place the packet on a clipboard and attach a mechanical pencil onto the board.

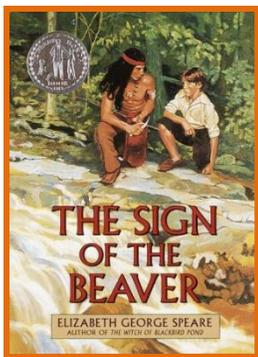
To create personalized worksheets visit these web sites.

Study Island (grades 3-8) - <http://www.studyisland.com>

Worksheet Works (grades K-8) - www.worksheetworks.com

Puzzle Maker (grades K-8) - <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com>

The Sign of the Beaver Literature Circle

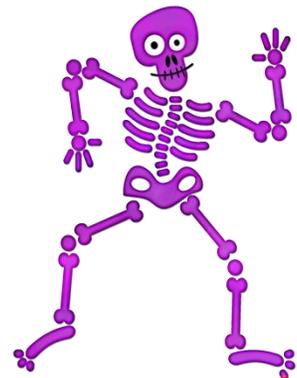


Our next Literature Circle Novel Study is *The Sign of the Beaver*, by Elizabeth George Speare, and it starts next Monday, November 1 at 11:00am. See the attached Schedule for which chapters we'll be reading and discussing on each of the dates. Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:00am. Students will have the chance to participate in this lively, interactive class by sharing vocabulary, summaries, illustrations and reading aloud. A microphone is helpful, but not necessary to participate. Students should have the book by the first class since they must have the book to participate in jobs. To join, log in to <http://tinyurl.com/2pmqks> just a few minutes before the start of class. Please use the login protocol of teacher's last name_studentfirstname_last initial. Hope to "see" you there!

Achievement Elluminates

Below are the recorded links to last week's Achievement Elluminates. If you retook the checkpoint and want to find out how you did, please k-mail your teacher or our Scantron Coordinator, Holly Beckstead. They can look up your score for you.

Grade	Title	Link
3	Solving Word Problems	http://tinyurl.com/367k9by
4	Multiplication	http://tinyurl.com/32ua7kh
5	Classifying Triangles	http://tinyurl.com/26u9n9a
6	Evaluating Expressions	http://tinyurl.com/2w6xour
7	Word Problems and Equations	http://tinyurl.com/2a8wtrd
8	Scatter Plots	http://tinyurl.com/2922k5h



November Speaker Series

11/9 (Tues) Getting Your Child Ready for College (K-8)

4 Eastern, 3 Central, 2 Mtn/AZ, 1 Pacific

Perfect for: K-8 Parent and Students

The path to college begins early. Join K12's Director of School Counseling, Laurel Maestas, to learn how you can guide your student along this journey. We'll discuss academic preparation and what parents and students can do at any age and every grade to prepare.

<http://tinyurl.com/k-8-college>

11/10 (Wed) Real Life IS Educational!

4pm Eastern, 3pm Central, 2pm Mtn/AZ, 1pm Pacific

Perfect for: All Learning Coaches with Students in Gr K-6

"Hey, That's Learning!"

Schooling at home opens the doors to real-life learning opportunities. OHVA Teachers Joyce Light and Haylee Crecco pack the session with tried and true ideas and activities for grades K-6. Learn how to connect learning to your daily activities to foster life-long learning. Tapping into everyday learning is easier than you think. Log in...and see how.

<http://tinyurl.com/reallife-learning>

11/16 (Tues) The Parent Lounge is for YOU!

4pm Eastern, 3pm Central, 2pm Mtn/AZ, 1pm Pacific

Perfect for: ALL K12 Learning Coaches/Virtual Academy Learning Coaches, Gr K-12

Are you looking to connect with other families who live in your zip code?

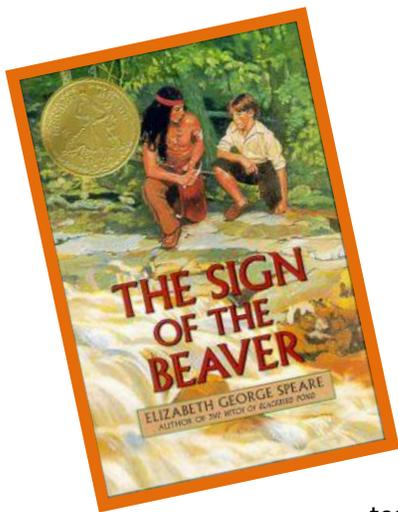
Confused about some of the acronyms you have heard?

Want some school space set-up ideas? Need recipe ideas for dinner tonight?

Answers to these questions and so much more can be found within the Parents' Lounge, an online community developed exclusively for K12 parents and learning coaches. This private community makes it easy to connect with other online school families and get information and resources about living the online education lifestyle. To help you learn the tools and features of the Parents' Lounge, Stephanie Hoaglund, the online community program manager, will do a live walk-thru of the community with a Q&A session afterwards. She will be exploring all aspects of the Parents' Lounge, including ways to connect with other Learning Coaches locally and globally. She will also be showing ways to find various resources and information depending on the topic. The Parents' Lounge is worth your time...because it will provide you with a world of support.

<http://tinyurl.com/parentloungecommunity>





Sign of the Beaver Literature Circle

Illuminate Schedule

November 1-19, 2010

Link to attend the live sessions: <http://tinyurl.com/2pmgqs>

Log-in protocol: Please log in with
teacher's last name_student first name_last initial like this: **Ewing_Elizabeth_S**

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 11a.m.- Sign of the Beaver Introduction Read Chp. 1-3	2	3 11a.m. Discuss Chap 1-3 Read Chp. 4-6	4	5 11a.m.- Discuss Chp. 4-6 Read Chp. 7-9
8 11a.m.- Discuss Chp. 7-9 Read Chp. 10-12	9	10 11 a.m.- Discuss Chp. 10-12 Read Chp. 13-15	11	12 11a.m.- Discuss Chp. 13-15 Read Chp. 16-18
15 11am Discuss Chp. 16-18 Read Chp. 19-21	16	17 11am Discuss Chp. 19-21 Read Chp. 22-25	18	19 11am Discuss Chp. 22-25 Wrap-up Game!

**This Literature Circle is intended for 3rd-7th grades. All students who attend the live sessions receive attendance and contact credit.*

**Students in 3rd-7th grades can choose this novel from their novels list in the OLS.*

**We will discuss major themes in the book as a group and students will be offered the chance to complete jobs tied to each chapter.*

**Please pick up the book from your local library or bookstore and have it ready for the first session.*

**We look forward to
'seeing' you there!**

