



# September! TUCK TIMES

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"HOME OF THE BIG BRAINS & BIG HEARTS"



## Welcome!

I cannot articulate enough how thrilled I am to be working with your children! As I get to know each one of them, I grow more excited for the endless opportunities the school year has in store. In addition, please know how much I value the home and school connection. Please feel free to contact me should you ever have any questions or concerns. I know for you and your child this might be your first experience with the gifted program. It will truly be a unique experience. I will do my best to answer all inquiries or track down the appropriate information.

I'm also a little behind in my communication, but you can typically expect to receive these newsletters at the end of each month. The newsletters will also be posted on my website for reference. If you have a family member that didn't receive this and would like to be placed as a contact, please let me know. I'm happy to add them to the email list.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade GIS

Since the start of school, we've been busy building classroom routines and establishing rapport. Be sure to ask your child what they learned about SMART goals and what areas they will be focusing upon academically, socially, and organizationally throughout the school year. Following SMART goal creation, we explored Byrdseed TV to analyze partially complete multi-digit addition problems to determine how many options could be uncovered. Last week we even had a trip to our new STEM innovation lab. With help from Mrs. Gonzalez, students were tasked with building the tallest tower with a single base. Keva planks and Legos were options for construction. Teamwork and trial and error produced some exciting options. This week we will focus upon an extension activity centered in place value. Growth and fixed mindset will also be a hot topic of discussion and exploration.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade GIS

The school year is just zipping by! We set intentions by establishing personalized SMART goals through a digital presentation and recording sheet. After reading the book, The Best Part of Me, students created a poem or writing piece focused on a personal attribute. Additional writing included a copy change poem about being in charge of the world. Currently, we will be applying math to a real-life scenario by planning a family excursion. The project involves researching costs, transportation, and elapsed time while considering enjoyable family activities.



## Mascot Winners

A few weeks ago, students voted for the peer mascot they felt represented them the best. Congratulations to Luke and his mascot Penny the Pencil as well as Kate and her mascot Griffin. Both mascots are posted in google classroom as part of our classroom banner.

## Optional Weekly Brainteasers

Each week students are provided with an opportunity to complete an optional brainteaser. The activities vary from week to week, but they encourage problem solving and divergent thinking. Partially/fully attempted brainteaser allow students to earn weekly ClassDojo points which gets them closer to their whole class quarterly goals.

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