

Home-School Connection #28

5/12/17

You must write at least FOUR thought provoking, discussion questions

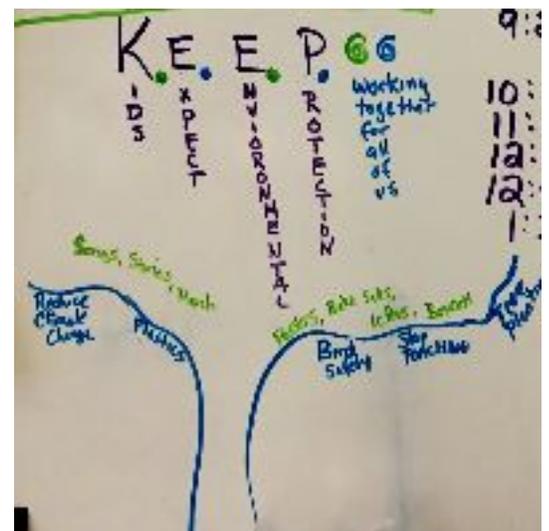
MCAS: Congratulations. You did it. You completed two days of math mcas testing. We did aerobic exercise (slow and fast moves) to get our hearts and minds moving, and then you dug in. How did it go? What helped you get ready? Was it what you expected? Do you think confidence makes a difference? Do you agree with the attitude image? What have you learned that might help you in the future?

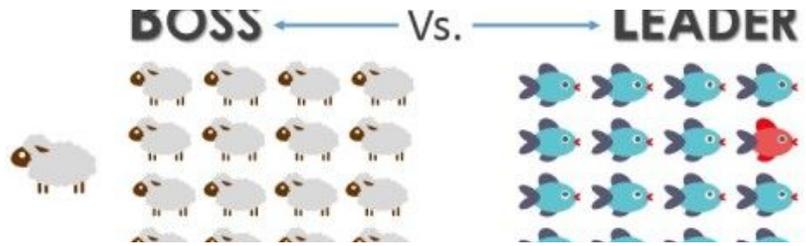


FIDGET TOYS: As you have seen, fidget tools, thinking tools, slime, putty, etc. are increasingly being marketed and used by students. Some people think they are useful, some people think they are a distraction and should not be brought in. Lincoln banned fidget spinners. You are going to write an essay persuading someone why they are or are not a good idea. You will have to use research and evidence from both sides of the debate to persuade your audience. Ask your parents what they think and what they would do if they were in charge. Discuss some of the ideas you have and how others might argue with you.

K.E.E.P & ECONOMICS OF THE SPRING FAIR:

This year, 5S is officially launching K.E.E.P at the Spring Fair. KEEP stands for **Kids Expect Environmental Protection**. The club will include 5th-8th graders and will KEEP active as you move up through the grades. We will focus on Driscoll where we can improve the bird sanctuary and the reduction of wasted plastic, paper and water. And, we will focus on places like the David Sheldrick Society that protects orphaned elephants. The first KEEP fundraising will be at the Spring Fair on May 24th. That means deciding what to sell and how much to charge. What do you think 5S should sell?





BOSSSES (Ms. Messiqua remembered!) : In 5S, the executive director and ambassador are in charge of meeting, and getting people to do their jobs so our class stays organized and peaceful. They are bosses. Sometimes people confuse the words boss and bossy. What do you think the difference is? What makes someone a good boss? Do you like being in charge? Ask your parents about their experiences being a boss or having a boss . What do they think the difference is between a good and not good boss? What do you think about the fish and sheep image?

SNAP: On Tuesday, I noticed the frog tank water looked cloudier than usual. I decided to clean it again and found out our poor lil' Snap had died. I was sad. Not like I would be for a person or my own cat and dog, but still, Snap has been in room 302 for around 8 years. Noa mentioned how it was interesting that it happened right after we had been talking about death and different ways people deal with it. So, after mcas on Wednesday, 5S went out to our bird sanctuary and you helped plant an orange flowering plant. See photo. And then some of you said a few memories of Snap. Now we need to decide if we should get another African Clawed Frog for Crackle. I don't know how she or her new roommate will feel about it. I am doing some research. Your thoughts?



OTHER: Specials, your amazing architecture and buildings on our river table, Points Day ideas, read aloud and new teams! What did you talk about? _____

Due: **Monday:** We made a time to do this on: _____ Parent Signature & Comments

Student rating (1-5) Please say why and which topics lead to the most in-depth discussions.

