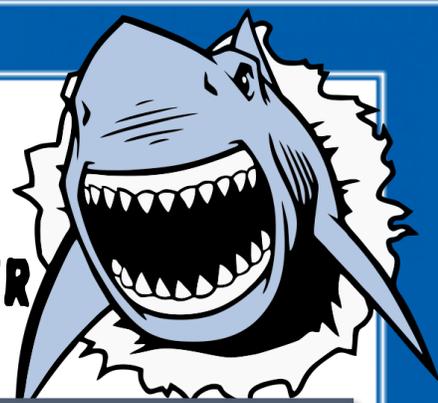


QUENTIN STEM ACADEMY

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Shark Nation! We are in the last three weeks of the first semester. Parents, please talk with your students about how with your support they can have a strong finish to the semester. Some of the things you can do to help your student is to read with them, practice math with them, and ask them about how their day went. Please also communicate with your student's teacher regularly to ensure that you and your student(s) are aware of missing assignments, upcoming activities, and supports that may be provided. Thank you for your continued support. Have a safe, healthy, and happy Holiday Season.

PLAYWORKS

This month at Quentin we are focusing on the character trait HONESTY. It is vital in this world we live in today to be open and honest with others. But also have an open mind to other people's thoughts and opinions. Being honest with your friends, family, co-workers, and random citizens can have a **big impact** on who you are as a human being!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/30-12/14 Acadience Reading Assessment (K-5 students)
- 11/30-12/14 Math Interim (Kindergarten)
- 12/3 La Joya High School presentation (8th grade)
- 12/8 Governing Board Meeting (via Youtube)
- 12/9 Superintendent Youth Council (via Google Meets)
- 12/14-12/18 PBL Presentations (via Google Meets)
- 12/14-12/18 ELA and Math Interims (1-8 grades)
- 12/21-1/1 Winter Break

TECHNOLOGY

Our teachers are always looking for innovative ways to increase student engagement in class. One way they do this is by using Nearpod. Nearpod allows teachers to insert videos, virtual reality simulations, and collaborative activities into their lessons. Some activities that students enjoy include Time to Climb and Memory Test. Ask your student about their favorite Nearpod activity.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

In our focus PE classes all students in kindergarten through eighth grade have been learning about how the brain and body communicate and about the sleep cycle. In music students are learning about body percussion. Body percussion is the art of striking the body to produce various types of sounds. Students are also composing their own music using body percussion and playing it for their peers.

MYD

As we continue to learn virtually we want to remind all students to be attentive in class. We know that there are distractions but learning is our priority. Teachers are monitoring student's activity on district devices using Classroom Relay. This program allows teachers to see what websites students are on and help those who are struggling navigate to the appropriate school approved sites.

STUDENT AGENCY

Many children love to talk about their day and what they are doing. Sometimes it just takes a little bit of prompting to get the conversation going. Try using some of these questions to get a conversation started, "What parts of school today went by the fastest? Slowest?" and "Which assignment/activity did you feel most confident about today?" Talking to children about school gives you an opportunity to discover how your child is doing.



"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

- Theodore Roosevelt