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Reminders For Parents



Parents please be sure to take time and look over your students uniforms and school supplies to make sure they have student agendas, enough pencils, erasers, folders, etc needed for school. Students should have the correct TSMS sweater/jackets and appropriate shoes. Students wearing outside jackets at school, that are not uniform appropriate will be confiscated for the day. Students wearing inappropriate shoes that are not black, white, brown, or navy will be identified and parents will be contacted. No RED shoes permitted.

TSMS Character Education: Character Trait of the Month- Kindness

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What is Kindness?

Kindness is an important quality to have. When someone is kind, it means he or she is considerate and nice to others. Some good examples of kindness are saying please and thank you, sharing, and doing anything that helps others. When you treat other people with kindness, both people feel good!

What is an Act of Kindness?

An act of kindness is a spontaneous gesture of goodwill towards someone or something – our fellow humans, the animal kingdom, and the kingdom of nature. Kind words and deeds come from a state of benevolence, generated by a core response deep within all of us. When we carry out an act of kindness it is a message from one heart to another, an act of love, an unspoken “I care” statement.

From www.whyzz.com, www.kindness.com.au

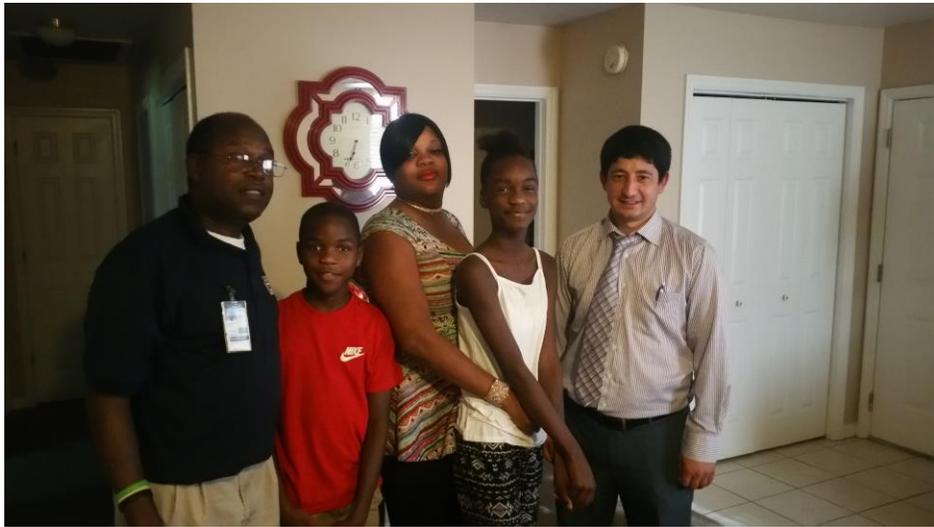
Did you know, your teachers are coming to your house today?























Dear Parents,

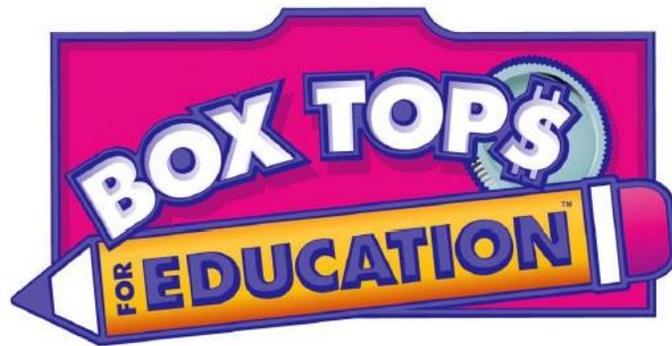
Please help us celebrate our very special teachers with a special edition of our monthly teacher appreciation breakfast - Thursday, December 14th If you can participate in bringing in one of the following items (or any of your choosing), this would sure help us to make it a successful event.

Breakfast starts at 7:30am, please have all items brought to the front office by 7:15am on the day of or you can drop them off the day before (just put a note on them for Thursday's breakfast please).

We currently have 45 staff members at TSMS. Date: 12/14/2017 (Thu.)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844aaa722aafd0-tsms9>

BOX TOP\$



Tallahassee School of Math & Science is now participating in the Box Tops for Education program! This is a great way to help raise money for the school.

Please clip and bring in to the school all the BoxTops you can collect and your student can turn them in to their homeroom teacher. Every BoxTop helps!

Our first collection is due by Friday 12/15/2017.

Turn them into your homeroom teacher.

Parents Night Out!



Parents Night Out

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Need some time to finish shopping?

How about just a date night?

Bring your ISMS K-8th grader to ISMS on Friday 12/8/16 from 6pm to 9pm!

\$15/1st child and \$5/ for each additional child.

We'll serve pizza and drinks have a movie (Polar Express), games, and fun for all the kids to enjoy.

Kids can also come dressed in their favorite pajamas and enjoy some

Hot chocolate during the movie!

Sign up now through 12/1/17 by turning in the attached form.

We Hope To See You There!

ISMS PVO

**We will not be able to add students after the deadline of 12/1*

Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Sorenson



Mrs. Sorenson actually grew up in Orem, Utah a few minutes away from Brigham Young University. She went to Timpanogos High School, then Utah Valley University where she got a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She spent 3 years teaching in Utah, and had a little boy named Zane during her third year of teaching. Zane is rambunctious, hilarious, and Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson can't imagine their lives without him. They love him so much they decided to have another baby who will be joining their family in March. Mrs. Sorenson moved to Tallahassee when her husband was accepted to Florida State University for a PhD in Cognitive Psychology. At that time she decided to attend school remotely at Southern Utah University and completed her Master of Education degree. Did you know? Mrs. Sorenson loves sports, and loves to try different things. As a teenager, she competed nationally in both Olympic style taekwondo, and on a Latin dance formation team.

TSMS students participated the AMC8 Math Competition!!!







The AMC 8 is the nation's leading mathematics competition for middle schoolers and is designed to cultivate the mathematical capabilities of the next generation of problem solvers. In 2016, approximately 130,000 students worldwide participated in the AMC 8. Students who take the AMC 8 have the opportunity to develop creative quantitative thinking skills, which better prepares them to succeed in high school math classes. Furthermore, mathematics drives the innovations that shape our society and is useful in a broad range of careers, even those that are not traditionally mathematical, scientific or technological in nature. By offering these competitions the Mathematical Association of America aims to challenge and inspire students to become lifelong learners of mathematics.

Ms. Burns Science

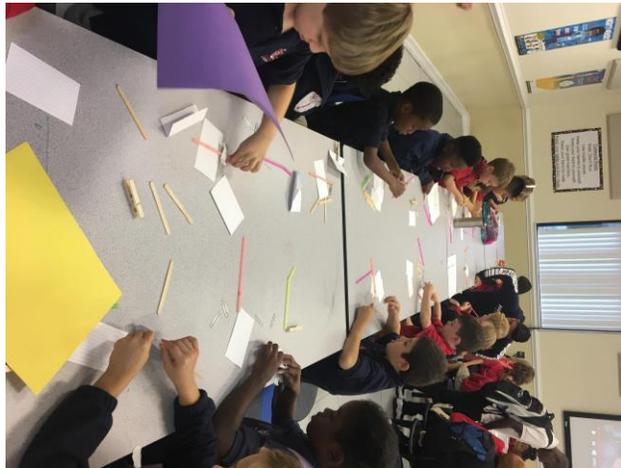


This week, we tried a new strategy in biology called argument-driven inquiry, or ADI. The students make a claim related to the material, defend it with evidence, and refine their argument based on peer feedback. We looked at cells and decided whether they belonged to plants or animals, then had a class discussion and debate.

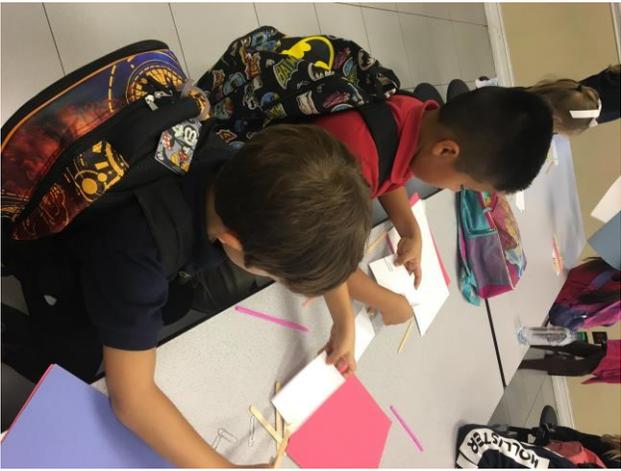
For 6th grade, we began our unit on the atmosphere. We tried inflating a balloon inside a plastic bottle, and couldn't. Then, we poked holes in the bottle. This made it possible to blow them up! The reason for this is air pressure inside the bottle.

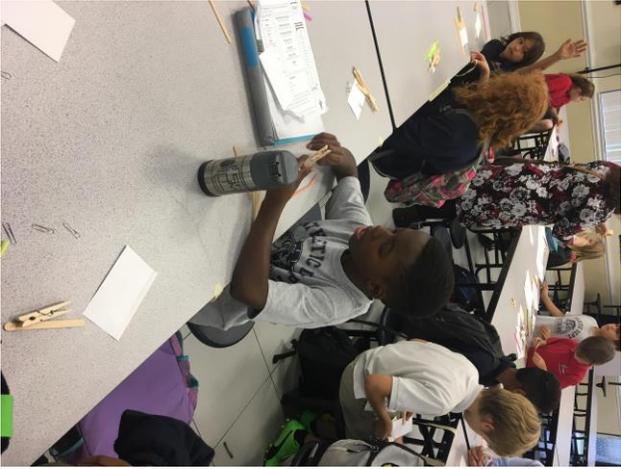
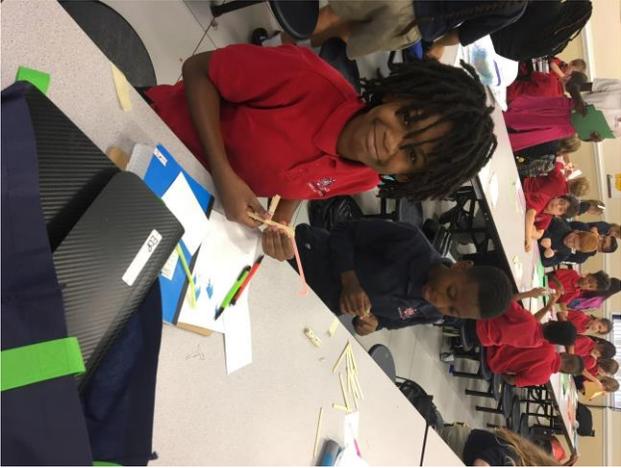
In 7th grade, we are learning about the different types of mountains and how they are formed. We made our own topographical map of North America with modeling clay.

EDP STEM Challenge

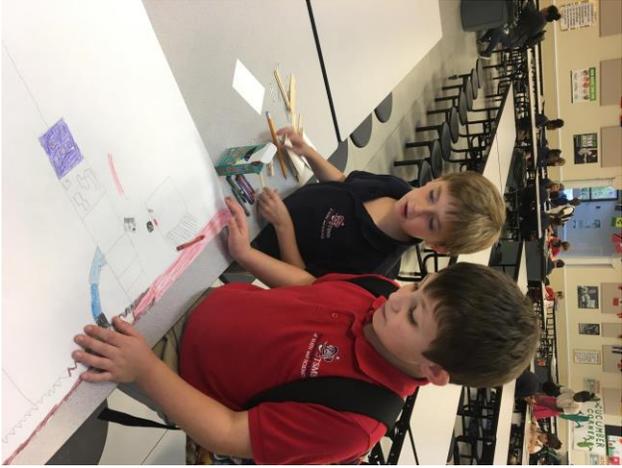














This week, we built the most efficient “snow” shovel that we could. We had a tray of rice to stand in for snow, because there are very few blizzards here in Florida!

We used several types of materials to build the shovels. These included index cards, popsicle sticks, clothespins, straws, paper clips, and tape. Then, we weighed the biggest scoop on a digital scale. Whoever can shovel the most “snow” with one scoop wins!

TSMS Winter Wear



It will soon be getting colder, students will want to bundle up when coming to school. Parents make sure to stop at All Uniform Wear to pick up the TSMS winter wear. These items are Uniform appropriate and may be worn throughout the school day.

As a reminder the dress code policy is as follows:

- Sweatshirts must be navy blue and the **school logo is required**. The sweatshirt is an economical alternative when students need to have additional warmth. When wearing a sweatshirt, the student must still be wearing another TSMS shirt underneath the sweatshirt – the sweatshirt cannot be worn alone. Sweatshirt may not be worn (tied) around the waist.
- Long sleeve thermals layered under short sleeve Uniform tops are not permitted.
- Boots, Uggs, and high-heeled shoes are not permitted
- Socks, stockings, tights or hose may only be in solid school colors. Clear or skin-colored hose are also acceptable. Fishnet or other patterned stockings or hose are not permitted. Stockings, tights, or hose must cover the full length of the student’s legs and feet – leg warmers are not permitted.
- **All outside coats and jackets or hooded apparel may not be worn inside the school building**

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*Please refer to pages 25-29 in the Student Handbook for more information.

Parents For Charter Schools



[Tip of the Day \(Click Here\)](#)

[Consejo del Día \(Haga clic aquí\)](#)

Build a Routine With Your Child

The *Peanuts* character Linus isn't the only child who needs a security blanket. For most children, security comes from a sense of being loved. It also comes from knowing that some things don't change.

One part of building that security is establishing routines and following them. Set regular times for bed, meals, reading and studying. When schedules must change, let your child know how and why. Routines make children feel safe, and that makes it easier for them to concentrate on learning.

Establezca una rutina con su hijo

Linus, el personaje de *Snoopy* no es el único niño que necesita una manta para sentirse seguro. Para la mayoría de los niños, la seguridad viene del sentimiento de ser amados. También viene de saber que algunas cosas no cambian.

Una parte de esa seguridad que se crea es el establecer ciertas rutinas y seguirlas. Fije horarios regulares para ir a dormir, las comidas, la lectura y el estudio. Cuando los horarios deben cambiar, dígame a su hijo cómo y por qué. Las rutinas hacen que los niños se sientan seguros, y eso los ayuda a concentrarse en el aprendizaje.

Contact Us

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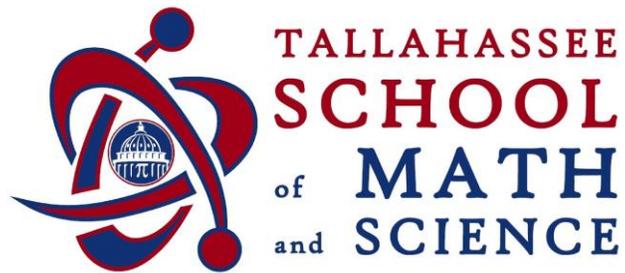
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