

3-6 Fireweed Academy Newsletter

Week of February 25, 2013

Notes on Fireweed Mission and Methods

Greetings,

Principle #1: Posing Problems of Emerging Relevance

Kids don't necessarily walk into the classroom interested in learning about certain topics or skills. So how does a teacher help students see relevance? The key is to begin with a good problem. Problems that have little relevance can be made relevant through teacher mediation. They do this by avoiding: giving them more info than they need, simplifying the complexity, and isolating the variables.

Sounds backwards for some of us with traditional education backgrounds, right? But think about it. By doing this student engagement increases and serves to generate relevance.

Cheers! Kiki

Afterschool Math Homework Help

Stephanie will continue Math homework on Mondays from 3:15 - 4:15. All grade levels.

Afterschool Film Club

Stephanie will continue afterschool film club on Wednesdays. Pick up time is at 4:15.

Afterschool Skiing

Stephanie and Kiki will continue afterschool skiing on Thursdays through March 7th just before Spring Break.

Friday Guest Speaker and Field Trip

Billy Day will be coming in and joining us on a field trip to Diamond Ridge where we will learn about changes in snow conditions and Avalanche Danger.

Volunteers Welcome in 2-4 Literacy

Volunteers are welcomed to join literacy in the mornings from 8:45-9:50 for 4th grade and 10:10-11:15 for 2-3rd grades. Ways to help include reading or writing with students, helping students type their stories, organizing our classroom library, sharing a story with the class, or just coming in to visit. Please R.S.V.P. -Mindy

Absent students

Parents: Please, please Call Janet at the FWA office (235-9728) to let her know if your student will be absent from school for any reason.

<u>Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!</u>	
March 8 th	No School - Teacher In-Service
March 11 th - 15 th	No School - Spring Break

April 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Standards Based Assessment Testing (please do not schedule vacations, medical appointments, etc. during this time)

April 19th

No School - Vacation Day