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Dear Sabin Families,

This week we recognize the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the world's greatest leaders who gave his life in service to others. Dr. King was a social activist and Baptist minister who played a key role in the civil rights movement. He led peaceful protests for equal treatment of African Americans and in support of the economically disadvantaged and victims of injustice.

What you may not know is that he skipped the 9th and 12th grades of high school, went to Morehouse College at 15, and received his bachelor's degree in sociology by the age of 19. Even though he was known for being a masterful speaker, Dr. King got a C in his first public speaking course during seminary school. By the end of school, he had become class valedictorian, student body president, and earned straight A's before graduating.

Dr. King's life was a testament to his words: "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right." In his 39 years of living, he was jailed 29 times yet he continued to lead the civil rights movement in peaceful protest. "Nonviolence is absolute commitment to the way of love. Love is not emotional bash; it is not empty

sentimentalism. It is the active outpouring of one's whole being into the being of another."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy is honored in places like Toronto, Canada, and Hiroshima, Japan. You will find monuments in his honor in Sweden, England, Havana, Australia, Colombia, Kenya, and Jerusalem.

Dr. King's profound words convey the compassion, selflessness and love he valued and shared with the world. He left a legacy of speeches, thoughts on the state of the world, and powerful treasures including a personal favorite that I hope will inspire you to service on Monday, January 15 (the actual day of his birth) and throughout the year. "Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." No matter who you are, I hope that Dr. King's life will inspire you to love someone, to serve others and to seek truth and justice. With something to think about, this is your principal, Ms. Williams. Make it an awesome service-filled, love-inspired week!

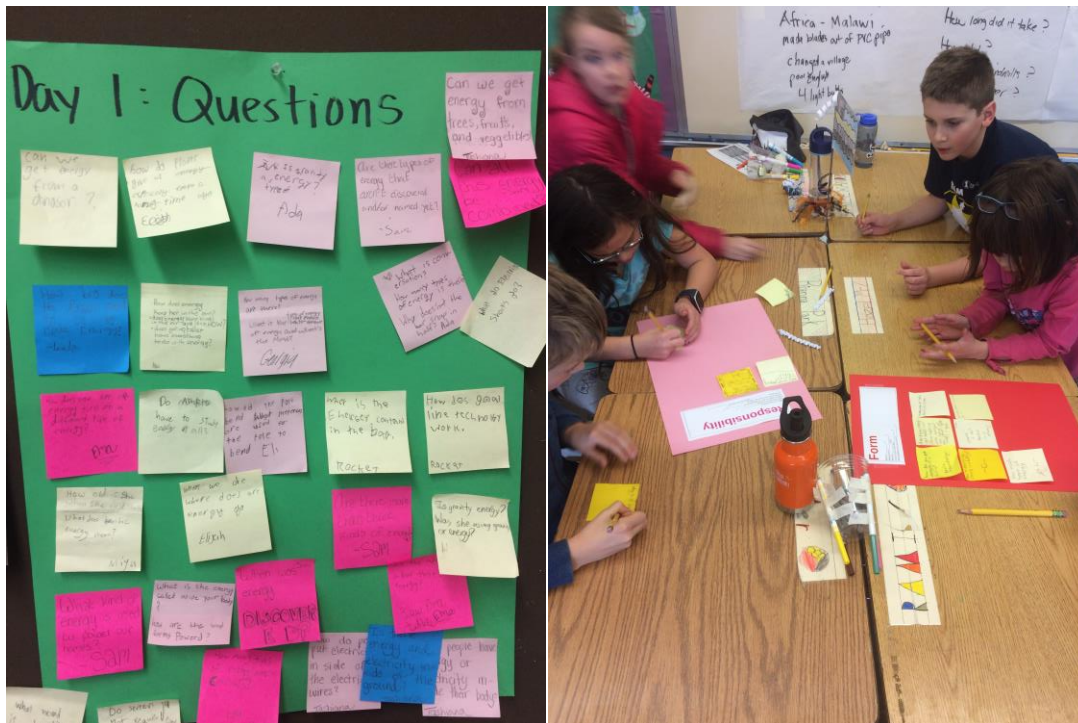


IB: An Inquiry-Based Teaching Method

One really important part of IB is honoring student questions and encouraging students to ask and research big questions. This looks different from kindergarten through fifth grade. Here are some examples:

- In first grade students are studying a unit on how people express themselves through art, music and dance. In this unit students are encouraged to ask questions that they want to know more about. With the teacher, students learn how to ask questions that are connected on the topic they are studying. This is a big challenge for our first grade students who are learning about the question words. Then, as possible, teachers and students find the answers to some of their questions.
- In third grade students are learning to categorize questions in a variety of ways. In Mr. Mowe's class students started by deciding if a question was shallow or deep. This is part of their unit on the art, aesthetics and critiquing visual art. They put questions that could be answered in a google search in one section and questions that were deeper in another pile. The goal is to help students learn to ask deeper questions that might have a variety of answers.
- In fourth grade students are learning to ask globally minded questions. As they are studying about electricity. Students are learning how to ask questions like - is access to electricity the same all across the world? If not, why? Students also continue to sort and categorize questions into the key concepts of IB.
- By fifth grade and on up, students are expected to be able to ask a variety of questions on a since concept and start to do more independent research into these questions.

What you see here are two posters. One is where students were asking questions each day of their unit. The second is a picture of students sorting the questions into key concepts. These are both from fourth grade classrooms.





Prepare to Climb Mt Readmore

The second annual Mt Readmore is set to begin **Tuesday, January 16**, and end **Wednesday, January 31**. This two-week celebration of reading was created to inspire Sabin students to read more often and more minutes than usual. Students log their minutes through a website called **Whoosreading.org**. As they read more and more minutes, they climb up Mt Readmore (represented by a banner near Ms Cooper's classroom). The goal is to inspire the students to collectively read **150,000 minutes**. Join us for the kick-off event: **Basecamp Family Reading Night from 6 – 8 P.M. on Tuesday, January 16**.

If you're interested in volunteering, we are looking to recruit a point person that can help kids in the classroom get registered on Whoosreading.org and log their minutes at least twice during the Mt Readmore event. Sign up for this role and to help out at the launch event at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848aea92da20-sabin4>



Basecamp Family Reading Night

Schedule of Events

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Grab a bite to eat (while supplies last) – Cafeteria

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Hallways

- Sign up for WhoosReading.org – Hallway by Ms Cooper's room
- Share your Favorite Book – Hallway by 113 Auditorium
- Make a Bookmark - Auditorium
- Play Word Games – Auditorium
- Read a Book in a Tent - Auditorium Library
- Take part in an OBOB mock battle (pre-event sign-up required)

7:30 – 8:00

Listen to a story – Auditorium

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of January 8	Start student sign-up	Students received codes to log in and sign up to log reading minutes
Tues, Jan 16 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Basecamp Family Reading Night Start Tracking Reading Minutes	Come to our camp out, enjoy dinner and prepare to climb Mt. Readmore with some fun reading activities: OBOB Mock Battles, Read to a Therapy Dog, Read around the Campfire, Make a bookmark, etc.
Ongoing	Visit Albina Library	Students can help decorate a display of Mt Readmore by checking out books.
Wed, Jan 31	Dress like Your Favorite Book Character Day Mt Readmore Climb Ends	Students, staff and teachers can dress like their favorite book character. Students finish logging their minutes.
TBD	Announce Awards	Announce awards for the class and the grade the read the most minutes per student. The winning class will receive a frozen yogurt party from Eb & Bean.

Oregon Battle of the Books – It's ON!



Sabin's 3rd through 8th graders are gearing up for another exciting season of **Oregon Battle of the Books** (OBOB). Students who signed up for this voluntary, free program are busily reading the 16 assigned books, meeting with their teams and quizzing each other on trivia questions. We've had a great turnout with 20 teams from the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, and four MYP teams, totaling 119 students overall participating.

For the PYP students, the battles begin on Saturday, January 27.

Each team will battle twice that day at Sabin:

- 3rd graders at 10 A.M.,
- 4th graders at 11:30 A.M.
- 5th graders at noon.

The remaining battles will take in February during the school day. MYP students will have school day battles in February. By the end of February, we'll have a PYP and MYP winner who will go on to battle at their respective Regional competitions with other Multnomah County schools. Let's cheer these readers on as they prepare for battle! Thanks for supporting your kiddos in this fun and educational endeavor.

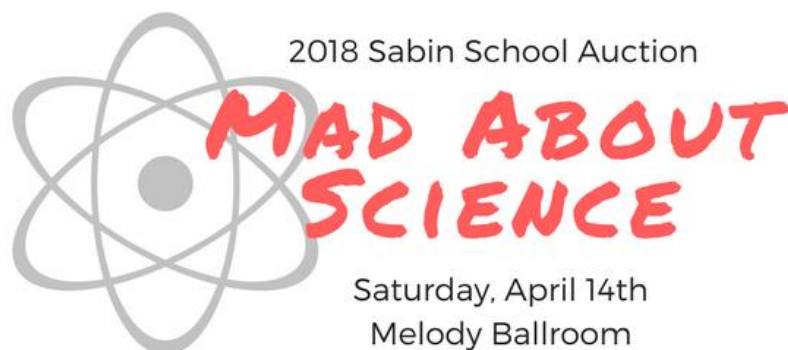
Please contact Lili Boicourt at liligordon@yahoo.com or 503-989-9090 (text okay) with questions or to volunteer. We're looking for battle moderators, scorekeepers and timekeepers on January 27 and during the February battles (dates TBD). Also, please contact Lili to receive email about OBOB.

Sabin Auction – Save the Date!

Our annual Sabin auction will be held on Saturday, April 14, and we're looking for sponsors and item donations. The auction website is now up at...

www.sabinauction.com

Help is needed to raise money for our school and our amazing students. Contact Kristen Uyanik at kristenjessie@gmail.com to get involved!



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