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“Brittin Knights Achieve to Succeed”

DoDEA's Mission, Vision

Mission: To provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

Brittin Goals

Goal One:

By the end of the 2011-2012 school year, students will improve reading comprehension through developing the ability to analyze text.

Goal Two:

By the end of the 2011-2012 school year, students will improve math communication skills by clearly communicating mathematical thinking and reasoning.

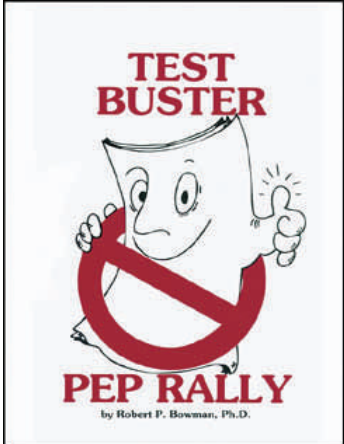
Calendar of Events	
February 14	Interim Reports-Grades K-6
February 16	Principal's Roundtable-4:00-5:00 (Media Center)
February 20	Washington's Birthday/Federal Holiday-No School
February 23	Ft. Stewart School Board Meeting-DES (4:00)
February 24	Early Dismissal @ 11:30/Professional Development
February 27-March 2	Terra Nova Testing-Grades 3-6
March 5-March 9	Terra Nova Make-up -Grades 3-6
March 06	Grade 2 Music Program-MPR (6:00)
March 06	PTO Meeting @ 3:00 -Media Center
March 15	End of End of 3rd Marking Period
March 16	Teacher Work Day/No School
March 22	Report Cards Issued

Terra Nova Test

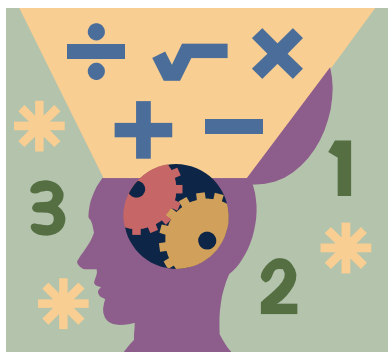
February 27 - March 2

As parents and guardians you can assist us by:

- Making sure that students get a good nights rest each night before the test (at least 8 hours).
- Providing a healthy balanced breakfast.
- No sugary foods or drinks.
- Having your child dress in comfortable clothing with layers.
- Making sure your child arrives to school on time or before.
- Sending your child off with words of encouragement and support.



Brittin's Math goal is to have students explain and communicate their thinking in mathematics. This may be in the form of talking with one another, demonstrating with models or pictures, or in the upper grades writing about the strategy they used



to solve a problem. The children discover they really need to understand mathematics in order to communicate their thinking to others. When students try to memorize and use a procedure that makes no sense to them, they often give answers that make no sense! They find themselves "doing stuff" with numbers rather than thinking logically about problem solving.

Our classes use a variety of strategies to solve problems rather than only one procedure. What works for one student may not make sense to another. The math classes often consist of students talking about problems, using manipulative, sharing thinking, and explaining their strategies for reaching a solution. This helps all students develop a deeper understanding of number sense, flexible thinking, and an ability to see relationships among numbers. It helps promote deeper thinking and deeper understanding.

Students still need to memorize their basic facts, but they use their knowledge of these facts as a foundation to solve more complex and higher level problems. So, while there is still a need for memorization of basic facts and some procedures, there is far more required of students in the area of mathematics. Communicating their ideas, convincing others that their work is correct and makes sense, and using strategies to problem solve help make our students true mathematicians.



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