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Headmaster Letter

Dear Archway Family and Friends,

While eating lunch with the students recently, I was engaged in a delightful conversation with some of the third graders. One of them asked me, "Mr. Fee, who invented homework?" I chuckled, and replied, "I'm not sure. Why do you ask?" To which he responded, "I'd like to invent a time machine and have a conversation with that guy and find out why he disliked kids so much."

Since that conversation, I have done a little research around the origins of homework. From what I have been able to discover, most sources attribute the advent of homework to either the 11th century Venetian teacher, Roberto Nevilis, or the 1st century oratory expert, Quintilian. The documentation for Nevilis is admittedly suspect, and the evidence for Quintilian suggests he encouraged his students to participate in at-home activities to develop speaking skills in a more informal atmosphere. Regardless of the veracity of the claim, a time machine conversation with Quintilian would be worthwhile.

That still leaves us with the matter of homework. If we cannot

answer the "who" question, perhaps I can still speak to the "why" question. At Archway North Phoenix class time is dedicated to instruction, discussion, dialogue, and the collective pursuit of Truth. Through homework, a time of quiet concentration, the scholar truly makes the subject his or her own and puts the principle into practice. Further, skills of time management and study habits (both valuable in their own right) are being developed.

The challenge, as a school, lies in balancing the time necessary to practice and form good habits with the time required for other activities, pursuits, and family functions. With the view of the whole child firmly fastened in our outlook, our hope is to strike a balance that is healthy and promotes true well-being. We invite you to partner with us in achieving that aim by responding to a brief survey regarding homework. (The survey will be forthcoming. Look for it within the upcoming week.) With this data we can better determine whether our perceived volume of homework aligns with your perception around how much time your students is spending on homework.

The best ways to help include participating. The more families that participate the more valid the data becomes. Secondly, you can help out best by providing accurate information. Rather than guessing or assuming how much time your scholar spends on homework or particular subjects, gathering actual minutes over the course of a few days will serve our purposes best. A final note is in respect to what constitutes "working" on homework. Is sitting at the kitchen table staring off into space "working" on homework? It seems as if the best indicator would be how much time is spent with the student intentionally engaged in the work assigned.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this effort. The conversation of homework is one that we have been having as an entire North Phoenix community. As Mr. Weinhold recently declared in one of his newsletters to Prep families, we are committed to willing the students' good in all things. Regardless of who invented homework or that person's perception of kids, we esteem your student in high regard and want what is best for them, even in the arena of homework.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Fee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "F".

Classroom Newsletters

Specials Department Newsletter - Quarter 1

Kindergarten Newsletter

KA Ms. Borchers
KB Ms. Leahy
KC Ms. Baines
KD Ms. Distler

Grade 1

[1A Mrs. Bebow](#)
[1B Mrs. Sugiyama](#)
[1C Mrs. Fliteroft](#)
[1D Mrs. Page](#)

Grade 2

[2A Mrs. Williams](#)
[2B Ms. Alexander](#)
[2C Ms. Bixler](#)
[2D Ms. Marshall](#)

Grade 3

Many thanks to our 3rd grade families for contributing to the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on September 14th!

[3A Ms. Diesing](#)
[3B Ms. Schippers](#)
[3C Mrs. Stoller](#)
[3D Ms. Kellogg](#)

Grade 4

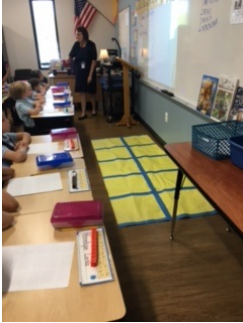
[4A Ms. Hunter](#)
[4B Ms. Lefaive](#)
[4C Mr. Taylor](#)
[4D Ms. Raper](#)

Grade 5 Newsletter

5A Mr. Milton
5B Mr. E. Cain
5C Ms. Mueller
5D Ms. Torres

Grade 6 Newsletter

6A Ms Dovel
6B Mr. Martin and Ms. Brennan
6C Mr. L. Cain
6D Ms. Marrufo

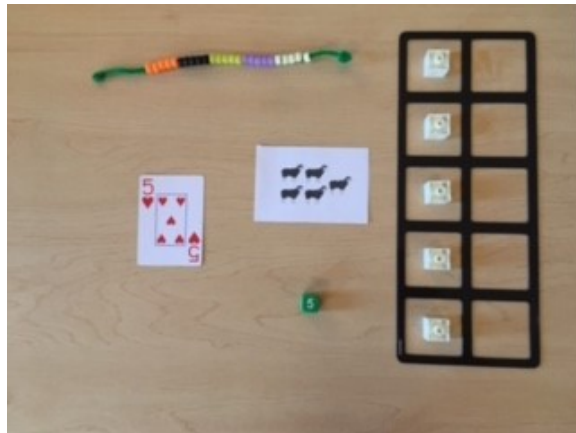


Getting Ready to Make a Human Ten Frame

Did you know that, thanks to your support of our Community Investment campaign, our scholar's education is deeply rooted in problem solving and critical thinking?

The Singapore Math curriculum places problem solving as the central idea of its framework.

~ **Kindergarten and first grade** classes make 5 five ways and can name all six ways to make 10 with positive, real numbers.



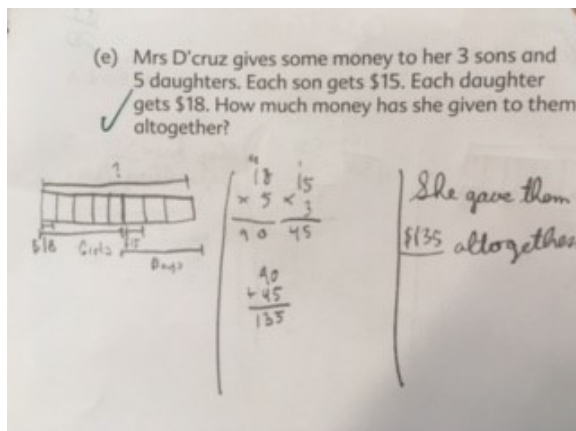
~ **Second grade** students can count by 1's, 5's, 10's, and 100's - both forward and backwards... just name the place to start. They can also count by 3's, 4's, 6's, 7's, 8's AND 9's!

~ **Third grade** students will tell you why grouping is so very different from distributing. Then they'll show you why the long division algorithm works so well - using partial sums.

~ By **fourth grade**, students can perform all four arithmetic function - on **FRACTIONS!**

~ **Fifth graders** can derive the equation represented in any type of bar model, even when several numerical relationships are shown, and will draw models rivaling architectural drafts.

~ **Sixth graders** will not only tell you that '16-n' does not express '16 less than a number.' They'll prove it- at the board, before taking questions.



The quality of education delivered at our school is only possible with your generous support of our Community Investment campaign. We are honored to publicly recognize those families and friends who have contributed to the

Please [click here for a listing of our 2108-19 Community Investment campaign donors](#) as of September 10, 2018.

If you've yet to make your Community Investment campaign gift,
[please do so today!](#)

DONATE NOW

Thank you!

News from the ANP PSO

Upcoming Events: September 2018

Check here for ongoing opportunities to [meet up with Archway moms!](#)

Swirl & Sip hosted by Mom's Club

Saturday, September 22

6 - 10:30 pm @ McBeath Family Home

Mom's Club presents Swirl & Sip, a blind wine and beer tasting.

RSVP and contribution requested. Questions?

momsclub@anppso.org

Family Dine-out

Tuesday, September 25

4 - 8 PM @ Chipotle, 4622 East Cactus Road

Come on down to Chipotle for dinner with fellow Archway students, families and **Kindergarten lead teachers!** Present [this flyer](#) and 33% of sales will be donated to our school.

Questions? rebates@anppso.org

Archway Meetup

Friday, September 28

1 - 3 PM @ Sky Zone Phoenix, 4857 E. Greenway Rd.

Meet up for a play date with Archway friends at Sky Zone (\$15-22 per student; [learn more here](#))! Questions?

rebates@anppso.org

Stay connected with our ANP Parent Service Organization (PSO) at www.anppso.org or follow us @NorthPhoenixParentAssociation on Facebook.

Service Event: Sack Lunch Assembly



We want to thank all the families that volunteered and contributed towards our Sack Lunch Service Event this past Saturday. We had over 150 volunteers that managed to make 1,600 sack lunches that were then delivered to Phoenix Rescue Mission. That's almost a full ton of food made possible through your generosity, that then gets distributed to homeless families in Phoenix. We will plan on doing this event again in the spring, so watch for it!

Questions? dadsclub@anppso.org



**Program featuring Great Hearts Students and Teachers
Dr. Allan Friesen at the Piano - Arete Prep
Robert Heyde and The Scottsdale Prep Concert Choir and**

Chamber Singers
Morgan James - Trivium Prep - Great Hearts BARD
Competition Winner
Logan Johnson - Lincoln Prep
Kathryn LeTrent and The Glendale Prep Griffin Players
Theater Company
Joel Malkin - Veritas Prep Alumnus - Captain in the
United States Marine Corp

September 29, 2018
[Chateau Luxe](#)
1175 East Lone Cactus Drive Phoenix, AZ 85024

[See Our Exciting Live Auction](#)
[Grand Seiko Watch & Trip to Japan](#)

Ticket Sales End This Friday September 21-[Great Hearts Gala](#)



- Enter to win an \$8,900 diamond!¹
- **\$100** limited entries available
NIGHT OF GALA ONLY!
- 1+ carat diamond generously donated
by Coffin & Trout Fine Jewellers.²
- Raffle limited to 300 entries.
- Winner must be present to claim prize.³

¹ Based on GIA Diamond Grading Report.

² Confirmed winner may claim diamond at Coffin & Trout Fine Jewellers at Casa Paloma Shopping Center 7131 W. Ray Rd. Suite 22, Chandler, Arizona, during business hours.

³ Winning entry will be selected by computerized random drawing.

2018-2019 CLUB DRAMA ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Mineer and Mrs. Olsen will be having "Club Drama" for 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade students beginning on Thursday, October 18, 2018. There are only 30 spaces open and registration begins on Monday, October 1, 2018!

Please have your parents register and pay on the payment portal for

Archway North Phoenix before the club is full! Registration can be paid in one installment of \$150, or broken into three payments. Contact Seth Rutt, srutt@archwaynorthphoenix.org to make arrangements. It is first come, first served, and we will end registration as soon as the 30 slots are filled. Your name can be added to a wait list in the event that someone drops out or changes their mind, but there are no guarantees.

Meetings, auditions, and rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 3:30-4:45 unless we feel we need more time, which we will communicate to you. There is one rehearsal for leads only on a Saturday morning, and extended rehearsals during "tech" week and the week of the production. Our production will be in April of 2019 with two performances. This is a commitment to seven months of club meetings and rehearsals. Please consider in advance if you're able to invest this much time in the production and/or if it conflicts with another club you're interested in being in.

We're looking forward to another great production for 2018-2019!

Important Dates

Early Dismissal: Wednesday, September 26, 2:00pm Dismissal

Half Day Dismissal: Friday, September 28, 12noon Dismissal

Picture Day: Thursday, October 4, order information will be sent home this week.

2018-2019 School Year Breaks and Parent Teacher Conferences

- Fall Break **October 8 - 16, 2018**
- *Parent Teacher Conferences* October 15 - 16, 2018
- Winter Break **December 21, 2018 - January 9, 2019**
- *Parent Teacher Conferences* January 7 - 9, 2019
- Spring Break **March 18 - 22, 2019**

2018-2019 School Year Calendar

PLEASE NOTE: the School Calendar that was included with earlier newsletters incorrectly states half days being dismissed at 12:30. **Half-Day dismissal is 12noon.**

- [2018 - 2019 School Calendar](#)
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Reporting an Absence

If your student will be absent, please send an email to: attendance@archwaynorthphoenix.org. Please include student name, grade and reason for the absence.

If you email your student's teacher about an absence, please include attendance@archwaynorthphoenix.org on the email.

Thank you.

2018 Birthday Policy

The new school policy is that birthday treats, toys, goodies, or "thank you" notes may NOT be distributed at school by parents, students, or teachers. **Invitations may be distributed at school as long as the entire class is invited or if all the boys or all the girls of a class are invited. If invitations are not inclusive as indicated, then invitations will not be distributed.** Students may choose to purchase a book from the school's "wish list" (archwaynorthphoenix.greatheartsacademies.org - click on Academics tab, Literature Reading Lists, and the appropriate grade level) to donate to the school library in honor of their birthday. A parent may arrange to read the book with the birthday student in front of the class. We know that birthdays are special, so will we do our best to make your child feel special on his/her special day.

Dress Code

After a two-week grace period during which warnings were communicated and emails were sent home, on Monday, August 20, uniform infractions began being issued for students out of dress code. If a student receives a total of three infractions within a thirty-day period or five infractions within a quarter, they are required to serve a detention.

Please review ANP's Uniform and Dress Code policy located in the Family Handbook on page 49. It can also be viewed on our website at www.archwaynorthphoenix.org.

Signing students out prior to dismissal

When your student has an appointment, or needs to leave prior to the end of the school day, please contact your student's teacher. Let the teacher know what time you plan to arrive so they can have your student packed and ready. Students must be signed out at the Administrative Office. Please note that 2:30 is the latest that a student may be picked up early. After 2:30 staff and faculty are preparing for dismissal.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Important Links

2018-19 Textbook Consumables

If you have not had an opportunity to do so, please log onto the [payment portal](#) to make a contribution toward offsetting the expense of consumable workbooks.

2018-19 Literature Library

2018-19 ANP Uniform and Dress Code

2018-19 Classroom Supplies

Newsletter Email Addresses

Due to changes in email addresses and families, the weekly newsletter is currently emailed to the first contact email address in the enrollment system. If you would like other family or friends to receive the weekly newsletter, please send an email to menglish@archwaynorthphoenix.org with any additional contact email address.

The option to forward this email is always listed at the bottom on the newsletter.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping the email list current.
