



TAG WEEKLY UPDATES

Week of November 3rd-7th, 2014

Hello TAG Parents! ☺

~ Unit ~

5th Grade: Epidemic (Creative Thinking/Creative Problem Solving Skills)

TAG Schedule:

5th Grade: Thursdays

What's New!!!

*Tybee Island: The next payment is Thursday, November 13th, 2014 for Tybee Island...thank you to the parents who have already paid in full, or have made payments...the LAST day for any payment is Thursday, January 15th, 2015. I will be out of the building on Thursday, Nov. 13th...please give any payment on this day to Mrs. Miller. I will then send you an email receipt once Mrs. Miller notifies me that you have paid.

*PROJECT Time!!! It is time for your child to begin creating his or her own fictitious epidemic...please refer to www.burtontag.weebly.com for more information regarding the assignment due on either Thurs., Nov. 20th. Your child received a paper copy in TAG and it is also on each individual's www.renzullilearning.com ...Did he/she tell you about it???

***Fictitious Food Outbreak:** Please don't forget to send in the food items we will need to for our "Fictitious Food Outbreak," Thurs., Nov. 20th . Thank you to the parents who have sent an email regarding what your child will bring...Suggestions are certainly needed for other foods for our "outbreak!"

***Thanksgiving Luncheon Feast at Stonewall Tell:** Wednesday, November 12th, 2014.

***New Unit & Progress Skills Checklist!!!** We will begin our new unit, "Changes in Georgia's Golden Coast" the week of December 1st, 2014. Progress Skills Checklist from our 1st unit will be sent home on Thursday, Dec. 4th, 2014.

***Conferences in Metro Atlanta:** If you hear of any conference that may be of interest to our TAG students or the unit(s)...regardless if it your child's unit or not...please let me know and maybe we can get together with the event planners and coordinate a field trip for our children to go to the conference...remember we are in this together for all of our TAG students!!! 😊

***Tybee Island Parent Chaperones (especially male chaperones) are truly needed for our field trip. Please consider being a chaperone!!! Please send me an email if you are interested. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Husband inquiring at this time for being a chaperone.😊**

***Our "Outreach" Program was a success!!! I hope you enjoyed the pictures I sent and more will come as soon as I receive them.**



A special "Thank You" to 100% of my students submitting Thank You cards or letters for Dr. Azonobi!!! You Rock!!!



***LAB Coats or white long sleeve button down shirts are highly recommended for our unit. Students are epidemiologists during our unit they look absolutely wonderful!!!**



* Your child may bring his/her iPad, Kindle, tablet to our TAG class on his/her TAG day...this will assist with the use of technology in our TAG class... ☺



Public Library & TAG!!!



***eCampus:** We can use eCampus...eCampus has additional resources for learning and researching!!! Your child needs a library card in order to access eCampus.



***5th Grade Tybee Island's Field Trip FINAL payment (CASH ONLY!!!) is due on or before January 15, 2015!!!**

Option 1

- Make total non-refundable payment (**CASH ONLY!!!**) of **\$215.00 before or on Thursday, January 15th, 2015.**

Option 2

- Make non-refundable payment (**CASH ONLY!!!**) of **\$107.50 by November 20th, 2014** and one other non-refundable payment of \$107.50 **on or before Thursday, January 15th, 2015.**

Option 3

- Make non-refundable payments (**CASH ONLY!!!**) **due on the following Thursday dates:**
 - \$43.00 Sept. 18th, 2014
 - \$43.00 Oct. 16th, 2014
 - \$43.00 Nov. 13th, 2014
 - \$43.00 Dec. 11th, 2014
 - \$43.00 Jan. 15th, 2015

Option 4

- **Make any payments (CASH ONLY) with the final payment due on or before Thursday, Jan. 15th, 2015**



EXCITING NEWS!!! 😊



***Please share your child's exciting news...**

***Atlanta Parent Magazine:**

<http://www.atlantaparent.com>

***Wonderopolis:**

www.wonderopolis.org

***Duke/TIPP:**

<http://www.tip.duke.edu/node/295>

***Fernbank Happenings:**

<http://www.fernbankmuseum.org>

***Center for Puppetry Arts Happenings:**

<http://www.puppet.org>

***GA Aquarium Happenings:**

<http://www.georgiaaquarium.org/explore-the-aquarium/events-and-programs>

***Exciting Events & History this Week:**

Fill our staplers Day (Nov. 3rd); Sandwich Day (Nov. 3rd); Nov. 4th, 2009 our First African American President was elected, President Barack Obama!!! 😊 Nov. 4th is Young Readers Day; You're your Common Sense Day (Nov. 4th); Election Day (Nov. 4th); National Men Make Dinner Day (Nov. 4th); National Nachos Day (Nov. 4th); Saxophone Day (Nov. 4th); Shirley Chisholm was the 1st black woman representative to serve in Congress (Nov. 5th, 1968); 1st intercollegiate soccer game took place (Rutgers 6, Princeton 4) (Nov. 6th, 1869); Carl Stokes of Cleveland, OH became the 1st African American mayor of a major U.S. City (Nov. 6th, 1967); L. Douglas Wilder was elected governor of VA...he became the nation's 1st elected black governor (Nov.

7th, 1989); National Medical Science Liaison Awareness & Appreciation Day (Nov. 7th); National Fig Week (1st-7th); World Origami Days (Oct. 24th~Nov. 11th); Give Wildlife a “Brake” Week (Nov. 3rd-7th); Health Information and Technology Week (Nov. 2nd-8th); World Communication Week (Nov. 1st-7th); National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week (Nov. 3rd-9th); Dear Santa Letter Week (Nov. 7th-13th);

***November National Observances:**

National Children’s Book Month, National Family Stories/Literacy Month, National Geography Month, National Scholarship Month, National Georgia Pecan Month, National Native American Heritage Month, National Sponge Month (Ocean Sponges), Aviation History Month, Pet Diabetes Month; Picture Book Month; PTA Healthy Lifestyles Month; National Novel Writing Month; National Peanut Butter Lovers Month; National Pet Cancer Month; National Inspirational Role Models Month; National Diabetes Month; National Entrepreneurship Month; National Georgia Pecan Month; National Healthy Skin Month; Lung Cancer Awareness Month; Manatee Awareness Month; Military Family Appreciation Month; Adopt a Senior Pet Month; & Banana Pudding Lovers Month!

Word of the Week: NEWLY ENHANCED!!!

***Common Good: your child should define our word of the week; identify the Part of Speech; identify 3 synonyms; and create a sentence using the word. All sentences should have at least 9 words (Ex. My TAG day is on Wednesday of each week.= This is a 9 word sentence). The word of the week is due the next TAG class session. It is part of homework!!!**

Listing of Previous Word of the Week:

- *Diligent
- *Affable
- *Accentuate
- *Facilitate
- *Criteria
- *Infestation
- *Manifest
- *Subtle
- *Wrack Line



TAG Birthdays for the month of November!!!



5th Grade: Jayla Oliver (Nov. 7th)
Michael Hyman (Nov. 13th)
Makenzie Thompson (Nov. 14th)

Happy Birthday!!! 😊

Reminders:

***Field Trip!!!** We have set the date and we will attend the CDC’s David J. Sencer Museum on Thursday, Dec. 11th, 2014. This will be a culminating/enriching field trip based from our Epidemic. The Sencer Museum is an exciting place to visit!!! Although there is no entrance fee to the museum, we must still collect \$5 for the bus. We will send a permission form soon!!! **We will be in need of 3 additional chaperones!!! Please, please, please volunteer as a chaperone!!!** Please let me know if you would like to be one of the chaperones.

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***Please allow your child to wear a lab coat beginning our next TAG class until the end of the unit...It can be a doctor’s lab coat; or one of your button down white shirts. Please do not go and spend unnecessary money for a lab coat. 😊**

***Tybee Island is a wonderful educational experience for your child!!! I only have 11 commitment letters for Tybee Island.**

Please send in your child's commitment letter for Tybee Island...regardless if your child will attend or not, I need the commitment sheet returned

ASAP. The Tybee Parent Letter may be found on my website... www.burtontag.weebly.com

Thank you for your attention to this matter...

*Have you checked out our NEW electronic media platform???

It is called, "MackinVia." MackinVIA is a complete management system providing easy student access to eBooks, audiobooks, and online databases...FOR FREE!!! Students may view, utilize, and manage his/her electronic resources in the MackinVIA platform...allowing simultaneous, unlimited access to multiple users. This is a supplemental resource to enhance the academic achievement of students. Content rich e-Resources, which support Common Core Standards are available, along with access to accelerated reader books.

Check it out at <http://fulton.mackinvia.com>

School: Stonewall Tell Elementary

Username: Student's 10 Digit District ID #

Password: Students Birthdate (example if your child was born on January 1, 2014 your password would be 01012014).

***ITBS:** ITBS scores will determine if your child have one or two TAG classes in 6th grade...it is very important that you explain this to your child and that you also have a knowledge of this as well... ELA and Math placements in middle school are determined by his/her Math teacher...NOT TAG...as there is NO TAG ELA or TAG Math in middle school...only advanced ELA and advanced Math. More information regarding your child's TAG placement in middle school will come early next year 2015.

*I hope you have had the chance to visit the NEW Wolf Creek Atlanta/Fulton Public Library!!! If not, please stop by and take a look at this new state of the art library!!!

*Please consider the following enrichment programs for your child which builds social skills, and includes hands-on learning in a fun atmosphere. Please call the following numbers for registration information:

GA State Saturday School: (404) 651-2581

GA Tech Saturday School: (404) 894-0777

SEMAA Program @ Fernbank: (678) 874-7102

*If you have something to share, books to share, etc. that pertain to our unit, please don't hesitate to send it in by your child.

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*Please ensure your child has his/her homework assignments, supplies, etc. for TAG...some assignments on www.renzullilearning.com and/or Edmodo as well.

*All students should have his/her TAG supplies...please check the website for the supply list... www.burtontag.weebly.com

*TAG Weekly Updates and any assignments that I may post will be accessed from: www.burtontag.weebly.com please utilize the site on a weekly basis.

*Please ask your child about his/her TAG class experience each week and what is the homework due the following week. Thank you for your support!

*If you hear of any exciting events/happenings that may pertain to our TAG students, please share with me, and I or Mrs. Miller will share with the entire TAG family. Thanks! 😊

***Please do not take work out of your child's TAG binder or spiral notebook.** The work should remain in your child's TAG binder until May 2015. Thank you. 😊

*Thank you to the parents who are sending/incorporating technology with our TAG classes...the use of additional technology truly assists!!!

FCSG (Fulton County Supporters of Gifted)

*If you have not joined FCSG, please join and become an advocate for gifted learners...please visit the website if you need a membership form. Our very own Mrs. Thompson is now the interim president!!!

*Visit www.fultongifted.org for becoming a member, upcoming events, and information.

*Please visit the www.fultongifted.org for updates and scholarship information!!!

<http://www.fultongifted.org/summerCamps.php>
<http://www.fultongifted.org/enrichmentSites.php>

Food for Thought

“The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest.”~William Blake

