

MR. BENTLEY'S CLASS

6TH GRADE 2011-2012

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No phone calls before 8:00AM or after 8:00PM, please.

I will check email daily and at night prior to going to bed.

Falcon Focus

Foulks Ranch Elementary School students will adhere to the Falcon Focus. These are expectations for behavior and character.

They are:

1. Be Responsible
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Kind
4. Be Accountable
5. Make Good Choices

Remember: Character is what you do when nobody is looking.

As Spike Lee, an award winning African-American writer/director once said, "Do the right thing."

As Mark Twain, an award winning American author once said, "Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

Mr. Bentley's Student Leaders

Justin M.
 Kaitlyn E.
 Olivia L.
 Alexis A.



Homework: Monday, January 3, 2012

January 3, 2012 | [Daily Homework](#) | [Leave a Comment](#)

Math: H8-8

Reading: Reread chapter 1 of Phantom Tollbooth. Finish INB for chapter 1. This is the first and second read portions. READ chapter 2 of Phantom Tollbooth. You will have a LITTLE time to work on the INB for the first read tomorrow. You will need to finish the second read portion at home for homework.

Remember, the wiki page has ALL the Phantom Tollbooth INB pages on it. [Click here to go to the wiki.](#)



Homework: Tuesday, December 13, 2011

December 13, 2011 | [Daily Homework](#) | [1 Comment](#)

Math: Finish the unit rate for top earning actors in 2011. We did the rates together. You are finding unit rate of money earned per day. Here's the data one more time in case you lost it:

Leonardo DiCaprio	\$77,000,000 per year
Johnny Depp	\$50,000,000 per year
Adam Sandler	\$40,000,000 per year
Will Smith	\$36,000,000 per year
Tom Hanks	\$35,000,000 per year
Ben Stiller	\$34,000,000 per year
Robert Downey, Jr.	\$31,000,000 per year
Mark Wahlberg	\$28,000,000 per year
Tim Allen	\$22,000,000 per year
Tom Cruise	\$22,000,000 per year

Writing: Finish Detail Sentence 1A & 1B. You need to find and classify the topic sentence. Circle the transitions. Underline the LEAD OFF DETAIL SENTENCES, and then tally how many transitions and how many LEAD OFF & FOLLOW UP SENTENCES you find.

Finish Topic Sentence 1D page. Identify the topic sentences and classify them as clueing, specific, or general.



Homework: December 12, 2011

December 12, 2011 | [Daily Homework](#) | [Leave a Comment](#)

Math: H8-5. Be sure to read carefully! RATE IS DIFFERENT FROM UNIT RATE! If you do 30 situps in 39 seconds, the rate is 30/39 with situps/seconds. If you calculate the unit rate, that would be the number of situps/1 second. Remember: Unit rate is when you're looking for the quantity of something OVER 1 of something else. Miles/1 gal. Feet/1 sec.

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TFAB-Task Force Against Bullying

Thank you to Mr. Beard and Mrs. Kropp for bringing the issue of bullying to the front burner at our school.

We now have a student Task Force Against Bullying with representatives from each grade level representing their classes.

The representatives from our class are:

Wade N.
 Justin M.
 Gillian S.
 Shelby L.
 Brianna C.

We will keep you posted on what's going on with TFAB!

NEHS Members

Alex A.
 Antone C.
 Kaitlyn E.
 Olivia L.
 Payton X.
 Gillian S.

Upcoming Dates of Importance

October 18
 End of Cookie Dough Sales

October 24-Nov. 2
 BOOK FAIR 7:50AM-3:00PM

Alyssa W.
Logan Ro.
Tristen H.
Jaleasha L.
Wade N.
Samantha M.
Shelby S.
Shelby L.
Antone C.
Emily W.
Hannah S.

eGrades

[eGrades](#) Check your grades online. Grades are updated at 7:00PM. I will upload grades weekly. 0

Green Links

[Cool California: Household behaviors matter](#) What you do at home makes a difference. 0

[Cool California: Personal actions matter](#) How can you be more green? 0

[Cool California: Saving water at school](#) What can you do to save water? 0

INFORMATIONAL VIDEO SITES

[ProCon.org](#) Get the facts on both sides of controversial topics! 0

[Watch Know GREAT](#) how to videos for science, math, language arts... EVERYTHING!!! 0

Language Arts

[6th Grade Online Reference Tool](#) Dictionary.com also has an online thesaurus, encyclopedia, and translator tool. 0

[Essay Tutor](#) This is a good place to look for tips on organizing and writing all kinds of essays! 0

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[Glossary of Literary Terms](#) Want to know what a theme or motif or allusion is? Look it up here! 0

[Idiom Dictionary](#) This website is the "bee's knees!" It has over 5,000 idioms! 0

[Idioms acted out by "The Teacher"](#) See how one British teacher brings idioms to life! 0

[Literary Devices](#) INCREDIBLE collection of literary devices, definitions of the same, and examples! 0

[ProCon.org](#) Get the facts on both sides of controversial topics! 0

[Ultimate Sentence Diagramming Website](#) Need to review how to diagram an appositive or an infinitive? It's here! 0

[Visu Words](#) Cool dictionary/thesaurus with floating word webs! 0

[Wordle](#) You can copy paste text or the URL of a blog, blog feed, or web page to create a cool, artistic arrangement of words! 0

Math

["Math Snacks" \(funny videos that teach!\)](#) This is like Bill Nye meets YouTube and a math book all in one... very funny! 0

[6th Grade Math Drills](#) Online math practice for skills taught in class. 0

[6th Grade Math Fact Practice](#) Students need to know their math facts...why not have fun while learning them? 0

Reading: Go to ProCon.org (<http://www.procon.org/>) and pick a subject that interests you to learn about. Remember, you are going to become an expert on the Pros and Cons of the subject. This is research to prepare for persuasive writing. This website was recommended to teachers throughout the state of California by Superintendent of Public Schools Tom Torlakson. It's written for kids. Please avoid the topics we reviewed in the computer lab.

Writing: Get your haiku on! Write A.M.A.P.! (As Many As Possible). Type your haiku and upload to the wiki. You can click [HERE](#) to go to the wiki. Remember, you will need to sign in using your email and password you selected. If you forgot your password, click on the forgot password link to have it resent to your email.

Here are my haiku from today! Look around you. Think about what you love, what you know, what inspires you!

Fog

Fog. Winter's blanket.

Wrapping around me so tight.

When is spring coming?

Winter Sky

Gray fish-belly skies.

Like a stone in a stream I

yearn to break free.

Beach

Warm sand on my feet.

Like roots soaking up water

Sun rises in me.

Wind Storm

Trees overhead roar.

Winds run victory laps through

the branches. Braggarts.



New SEVA Training Event for January! Register Quickly!!!

December 9, 2011 | [Classroom News Flash!!!](#) | [Leave a Comment](#)

FINDING YOUR VOICE & ALL THINGS AUDIO

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

4pm - 7pm at Capital Public Radio

Register Today - <https://secc.wufoo.com/forms/seva2012-january-training-event/>

January's SEVA Training event takes us to Capital Public Radio. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about CPR's newsroom, the anatomy of a

October 27
BOOK FAIR 6-8:00PM

Nov. 1
BOOK FAIR 6-8:00PM

October 27 @ 9:00AM
A-Track Awards Assembly

November 28-December 3
Mission Springs Outdoor Education Camp

January 9-13
MYPAS Testing

February 17
AR Cut-off 2nd Trimester

March 1 @ 9:00AM
A-Track Awards

May 4
STAR Test Goal Setting

May 7-11
STAR Testing

May 31
Open House

June 19 @ 8:30AM
A-Track End of Year Awards

June 20 @ 900 AM
A-Track Promotion

GREEN TEAM

Our Green Team Members this year are:

Justin W.
Jaleasha L.
Tristen H.
Kaitlyn E.
Wade N
Alex A.

VIDEO PRODUCTION

Students will be doing a LOT of writing with the purpose of video production this year. Stay tuned for fun, educational, video projects to begin soon!

P.E. for the month of October

Be sure to wear appropriate shoes and clothing on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Mile Monday begins the second week of school.

Strength and conditioning activities along with interactive games will be the first focus for P.E. this school year along with running and track activities.

A-Track Lanyard Wednesdays

[6th Grade Online Graph Making Tool](#) Super cool! Plug in your data and out comes an AWESOME graph! 0

[6th Grade Scott Foresman Math Games](#) Fun games designed to reinforce 6th grade work in class. 0

[AAA Math](#) GREAT lessons and practice for all grades of math! 0

[Adding Fractions w/Unlike Denominators](#) See how it's done! 0

[Algebra Tutorials](#) Check out THIS! Want to get a jump on algebra for 7th grade. 0

[Dividing Fractions Power Point](#) How to divide fractions more than one way! 0

[Fun Math Games from Britain](#) These are FUN! (P.S. In Britain...they call math..."maths." 0

[FUN math games!](#) 0

[ISL Math Links](#) Great practice and reteaching for math! 0

[LCM Power Point](#) Want to review the ways we can find an LCM? Check THIS out! 0

[Least Common Multiple](#) What it is. How to do it. 0

[Math Games/Review](#) This is great practice for the topics we studied last year, this year, and for next year, too! 0

[Math Power Points](#) GREAT visual aids for conceptualizing math topics. 0

[Math Work Book Pages ONLINE](#) Did you forget your workbook at school? NO EXCUSES! IT'S ONLINE!!! :) 0

[More Math Games/Review](#) You can never practice too little...or play too much! 0

[Multiplying Fractions](#) See how to multiply fractions more than one way! 0

[Online Math Tutorials](#) Get help in math today! 0

[Rates, Ratios, Proportions](#) Check out this Power Point on what they are and how we solve them! 0

[Sieve of Eratosthenes](#) Want to know why numbers are prime? CHECK THIS OUT! 0

[Simplifying Fractions](#) What it is and why we do it! 0

News

[Teen Tribune](#) Great news for middle grade students and above. 0

[Tween Tribune](#) Great news for middle grade students. 0

Project Citizen

[Digital Project Citizen Portfolio](#) Check out a virtual portfolio online! 0

[Project Citizen 2009 Showcase](#) Hey, guys! Want to see yourself on TV? Here's the video aired by the California Channel! 0

[Project Citizen Digital Portfolio](#) This is an AWESOME portfolio that allows you to zoom in and see how it should be done! 0

[The World We Want Foundation](#) Patrick Davidson, filmmaker, philanthropist, and Project Citizen supporter's TWWW Foundation. MUST SEE! 0

Reading

[6th Grade Interactive Greek Mythology Website](#) This is COOL! See who the Greek gods are, their powers, their family trees! 0

[Accelerated Reader Test Site](#) Got books you've read? Take an AR test to show what you know and earn prizes! 0

[International Reading Association](#) 0
[Literary Devices](#) INCREDIBLE

news story, the importance of good sound in story telling and how to record good audio for your SEVA videos.

Learn new curriculum ideas, network with other teachers using media and find new ways to implement video production in your classroom. Open to all teachers, parents, administrators and students (with an adult). \$13 per person, includes dinner.

LOCATION

Capital Public Radio
7055 Folsom Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95826-2625

COST

\$13 per person, includes dinner. Last day to register is Friday, January 13. Only 40 seats available, register today!

PARKING

A \$6 CSUS parking pass is required for the day of the event, since Capital Public Radio is part of the campus. Please carpool and save some dollars.

AGENDA

4:00pm – 4:05pm Introductions – Doug Niva
4:05pm – 4:20pm Anatomy of a News Story – Joe Barr
4:20pm – 4:45pm Importance of Sound in Story Telling – Paul Conley
4:45pm – 5:00pm Video with Radio-Based Stories – Andrew Nixon
5:00pm – 5:45pm Dinner
5:45pm – 6:15pm Session 1 – News Ops – Joe Barr
6:15pm – 6:45pm Session 2 – Audio Post – Paul Conley
6:45pm – 7:00pm Q&A

REGISTER TODAY - <https://secc.wufoo.com/forms/seva2012-january-training-event/>

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

Sacramento Educational Cable Consortium – (916) 920-1006 or email doug@secctv.org

This event is sponsored by the Sacramento Educational Cable Consortium & Capital Public Radio.

Homework: Thursday, December 8, 2011

December 8, 2011 | [Daily Homework](#) | [Leave a Comment](#)

Reading: Finish second read of "Through the Tunnel" and directed notes.

Math: Complete the five problems below using both methods we learned today.

Spelling: Finish spelling packet. Test tomorrow.

Math Proportions to Solve Using LCD and "Both Denominator" Methods

December 8, 2011 | [Daily Homework](#) | [2 Comments](#)

Here are the 5 problems I want you to solve two ways. You should have gotten a solid start on this in class.

1. $2/10 = n/15$
2. $5/2 = x/6$
3. $x/4 = 7/12$
4. $x/9 = 3/7$
5. $8/14 = x/21$

Homework: Wednesday, December 7, 2011

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Be sure to wear your lanyard on the following dates:

October 26

December 14

February 1

February 29

April 25

May 16

June 13

Got suggested links?

Calling all students! If you have a link to a great website that has academic games or things related to what we're studying in class, feel free to share them! Look for the "Student Suggested Links" on the right side of the blog. Aaron found a cool game for figurative language!

Library News

We have a librarian funded by our PTO! Thank you!!!!

We will be at library on Fridays from 12:50-1:10.

On minimum days we go on Friday from 9:00-9:20.

Month at a Glance

January 2012

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[hannah](#) on [Day 2 a SUCCESS!](#)

collection of literary devices, definitions of the same, and examples! 0

[Robert Frost Poems Online](#) Frost is a master of free verse poetry. 0

[Ted Kooser Poetry](#) Kooser is a former presidential poet laureate. 0

[Walt Whitman Poems](#) Whitman is another master of free verse poetry. 0

Social Science

[Hammurabi's Code of Laws](#) Check out THE LAW of Hammurabi. Judge some cases. Decide someone's fate! 0

Spelling

[SpellingCity.com](#) This is a website with games and activities using our weekly spelling words. 0

Stop Motion Animation

"Western Spaghetti" See how "spaghetti" is made in this stop motion animation! Very cool! 0

[8-Bit Holiday](#) Check out a clever stop-motion Holiday from Andrew Jive involving Pac Man Legos! 0

[Dragon Stop Motion](#) This company makes specialty software for stop motion...but the basic ideas still apply: move an object...take a picture...repeat many, many, many time! 0

[Monsters and Electronic Music!](#) Fun stop motion animation with cool, thumping music! 0

[Teclopolis](#) AMAZING story loaded with themes and NO words! What's the message? 0

Student Suggested Links

[Figurative Language Basketball?](#) Play with figurative language and shoot virtual hoops! It's fun! 0

[SpellingCity.com](#) This is a website with games and activities using our weekly spelling words. 0

Student Wiki Page

[Student Wiki Page](#) Check out YOUR writing and Prezis on YOUR OWN WIKI! 0

Study Skills

[El Cerrito Wire](#) TONS of learning activities and practice!!! 0

[Homework Planning Strategies](#) See tips on how to manage your time and workload. 0

[Want to review a concept? Need a worksheet to help?](#) Good place for math and language arts worksheets reviewing a variety of topics! 0

Technology

[6th Grade Classroom Wiki Space](#) Here's where you can download class documents and modify them before saving to your computer or reposting to the class wiki! 0

[Bentley Productions Wiki-Page](#) Upload your writing or documents from class so ALL of us can see it! 0

[Typing Games & Lessons](#) Feel the need for more typing speed? Practice here so you're not a tortoise typist! 0

[WebWatchers Blog](#) Mrs. Desler's blog 0

VIDEO PRODUCTION

"Healthy Me" EGUSD Food & Nutrition

Reading: Reread "Through the Tunnel." Work on INB pages 1-2. NOT the Directed Notes part on pg. 2.

Math: Okay. Here are the 10 problems I want you to solve using the EQUIVALENT FRACTION METHOD. Technically...equivalent ratios...

Remember: Common denominators or common numerators can be used. If the numerators are EQUAL, the denominators must be equal, too. If the denominators are EQUAL, the numerators must be equal, too!

I have to show a fraction using a diagonal slash on the computer. Sorry. That means "four-fifths" looks like 4/5.

1. $4/5 = X/6$
2. $2/9 = x/4$
3. $3/8 = x/2$
4. $x/7 = 3/21$
5. $x/12 = 4/6$
6. $12/x = 8/2$
7. $5/x = 15/4$
8. $3/11 = 36/x$
9. $5/7 = 10/x$
10. $8/9 = 24/x$

Spelling: Work on "min-" word root packet. GO TO SPELLING CITY.COM to work on your words. Click [HERE](#) to go straight to the list! (I AM SOOOO NICE TO EMBED THAT LINK FOR Y'ALL!) 😊

Homework: Tuesday, December 6, 2011

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Math: H8-3. Do the math work book using the cross products method. IF... IF...you would prefer to use one of the other ways because you: A) Get it; B) Feel like it; C) Want to...then go for it. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SOLVE ANY OF THE PROBLEMS MORE THAN ONE WAY. Cross products are fine for tonight. We will "play" more tomorrow with these strategies.

Reading: Reread "Through the Tunnel." You do not have to do the INB tonight. It's a longer story with a lot of things going on. Tomorrow we begin our literary analysis of the piece.

Spelling: Work on your "min-" word root packet.

Homework: Monday, December 5, 2011

December 5, 2011 | [Daily Homework](#) | [Leave a Comment](#)

Spelling: Just a "little" homework tonight...get it? Work on your "min-" word root packet.

That's it. Get ready to work tomorrow! 😊

Day 2 a SUCCESS!

November 30, 2011 | [Classroom News Flash!!!](#) | [3 Comments](#)

Wow. Lot of fun things happening at MSOE!

We had students ascending a 30 foot climbing tower, putting banana slugs on their faces, looking through microscopes at aquatic life, tasting mountain sorel, and hiking at night, alone, without flashlights!

The food has been great: fried chicken, salad, veggie soup, bacon, eggs, pasta...

The weather has been superb: sunny, and high 60s!

Tomorrow should be more fun and more learning. Stay tuned! Enjoy the pictures!



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Got questions?

[Services Video Contest](#) Check out these middle and high school students' PSAs. 0

["The Mees"](#) a short animated video Every video needs to tell a story...this one certainly does! 0

[Anti-Bullying Website](#) Check out how this website handles bullying. 0

[Idioms acted out by "The Teacher"](#) See how one British teacher brings idioms to life! 0

[Mr. Alfonso's Blog](#) Mr. Alfonso is a 5th grade teacher at David Reese and AMAZING video production coach. Check out what his students have done! 0

[Pollution Prevention Video Contest Entries](#) Check out what others have done to spread the word about TRASH! 0

[Sacramento Educational Cable Consortium Website](#) Great resource for ideas and tips and the SEVA competition! 0

[Scholastic Student Reporters](#) Check out news for kids...and made by kids. 0

[SEVA 2010 Student Video Awards](#) Check out these student productions, honorable mentions in the Documentary, PSA, School News, Instructinoal Videos! 0

[Video Production Tutorials](#) Learn the terms of filmmaking, tips on lighting, and a LOT more! 0

[What's on Your Plate?](#) Student created documentary film about food and where it comes from. VERY cool to think what kids can do! 0



[keep looking »](#)

Writing

[6th Grade Online Rhyming Dictionary](#) Need a word that rhymes with "barrel?" Look it up with this tool and you'll find plenty! 0

[Guide to Grammar and Writing](#) AMAZING amount of information here! 0

[Literary Devices](#) INCREDIBLE collection of literary devices, definitions of the same, and examples! 0

[ProCon.org](#) Get the facts on both sides of controversial topics! 0

[Scored Writing Examples](#) Want to see a spectrum of student writing that you can evaluate, too? 0

[Summary Writing Aid](#) How to write a simple summary that's to the point! 0

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