



November Activities:

- 5th Scavenger Hunt
- 12th Armistice Day Activity
- 19th Bring a Vet to School (guest speakers)
- 26th Thanksgiving

Book Challenge

Out of the Dust

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Welcome

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2014/2015 GATE school year. I'm hoping to offer some exciting learning opportunities for our students. Among other things we will be; exploring literature, listening to guest speakers, participating in community service

projects and exploring some exciting topics. Although participation in GATE is optional (and I know our GATE students tend to be the most active), I would encourage you to try and join us whenever you can. For those students who attend regularly

there will be a couple of opportunities to participate in field trips. Check the Clark GATE website and our newsletters for dates and times of upcoming activities and events. I hope to meet you all soon.

WELCOME

3rd Annual Scavenger Hunt

This event kicks off our 2014/2015 GATE school year. Students partner up in teams of two or three participants and to try solve puzzles and get clues while earning candy along the way. The ultimate goal is to be the first team back to the starting point (Room B-4), having

solved all of your puzzles. There will be prizes for the first and second place teams. The puzzles are not simple and the clues are challenging so put on your thinking caps and get ready for the **HUNT!**



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“Attitude is a little thing that makes a BIG difference”

Winston Churchill

Mind Bender Challenge:

There is a mix of red, green and blue marbles in a bag. The total number of marbles is 60. There are four times as many red marbles as green marbles and six more blue marbles than green marbles. How many marbles of each color are there?

The answer will be in the January newsletter.



Upcoming Events:

December

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| 3 rd | Veteran's Memorial Building
(Field Trip) |
| 10 th | The Gift of the Magi |
| 17 th | No Meeting |

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Community Service

As part of our GATE program this year we will be participating in community service projects (service learning). Community service provides students the opportunity to develop civic and social responsibility by becoming aware of their community's needs. Service learning makes a difference for the

students and the community at large.

I am looking for ideas! What do you think Clark GATE students can do to help improve their community? Remember that your community includes our school, our city and our county.

Write a short paragraph (100 words or less) describing a

community service activity you would like to be involved in. **Turn in your ideas to me in Room B-4 by November 12th.** If your idea is chosen as a service project for this year, you will receive a \$5.00 gift card to either Jamba Juice or Starbucks.



Book Challenge: Out of the Dust

This 1998 Newbery Medal winner, *Out of the Dust*, by Karen Hesse is the story of one family's survival during the dust bowl in Oklahoma. This story is written in first-person point of view using free-verse poems and takes place during the Great Depression.

Billie-Jo Kelby describes her life in

her journal, writing from the winter of 1934 to the fall of 1935. The story demonstrates one young girl's courage in the face of grief and pain overcoming the difficulties life has set before her. In the end, Billie-Jo discovers that love and determination can renew her hopes and dreams.



The Challenge:

Read this book between now and our 1st meeting in January. You can find this title at Walmart, Target and Amazon. If you cannot get a copy of this book let me know and I will get a copy for you to borrow.

Please note that a district permission slip is required to be signed and returned in order to participate in the book challenge. These are available in room B-4 and the LMC.