

SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOLS



December
2009



OPAL

where students shine

Opportunities & Programs for Advanced Learners

Parent Corner

Each month we will provide you with information regarding community activities for your children and/or information about gifted learners.

Community Events

Proctors Theater has educational films Fly me to the Moon and The Human Body

Scotia Theater, Bowtie and Rotterdam are showing

Where the Wild Things Are and Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Two popular children's books made into films

Schenectady Museum has activities over break
<http://www.schenectadymuseum.org/events.php>

Parent Resources

The Gifted Parent Online

A power point presentation worth a look.

http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/parent_internet.ppt#256,1,

The Gifted Parent Online: Totally Free Internet Tools for Parent Support & Advocacy

University of Connecticut

<http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/nrcgt/reports/rm95218/rm95218.pdf>

AGATE

www.agateny.org

Student Websites

A+ math

www.A+math.com

Math Science

www.sciencecentral.com

May your walls know joy, may every room hold laughter, and every window open to great possibility. **Mary Anne Radmacher**

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Primary OPAL

Grades 1 and 2: The interdisciplinary learning centers created from themed suggestions by classroom teachers remain in each classroom to address the needs of advanced learners as well as any other students who may move quickly through material. Topics for December include Bears (Gr 2) and The Mitten (Gr 1).

Primary pull out instruction has begun. The non fiction nouns for the month of December are Thomas Edison, Mount Rushmore and the Eiffel Tower. Technology is integrated to most of these lessons.

Intermediate OPAL

Grade 3: The identification process for third graders is complete and instruction has begun. Students will be working within the theme of "Time" this year. We start off centering around a Scotia living time line as well as literature relating to time concepts. Students will begin a novel called A Pitch in Time by Lytle and learn about the Civil War through this time travel story.

Grade 4: Questions—Students have been learning about Socrates and his style of questioning. They are learning that questioning may drive the evolution of society and that people are curious. They will learn about questions a reporter must ask and will create a newsletter that is comprised of articles written by them about their building. This will be distributed to their classes. They will also learn about and create question poetry.

Grade 5: Viewpoints—The children are addressing changing viewpoints through viewing a clip from "Back to the Future." They interviewed a relative regarding what it was like for them as an 11 yr. old and discussed how viewpoints change with age by creating an illustration that showed this progression. They were also exposed to how graphs can give misleading visual impressions by manipulating how the data is shown.

Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind is up and running for another year at Scotia Glenville. So far, we have 16 teams that involve 96 kids (K-8). Great job!! If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Meeker at WMeeker@nycap.rr.com.