Parents,

We have worked very hard at completing our BizTown unit and are excited to put our knowledge into practice. As I reflect upon why this unit is so successful and engaging to the students, I have found it’s because of the practical usage of the material taught. With that in mind, I’ve been doing research on a newer concept called a “flipped classroom”. The point of a flipped classroom is students doing the background knowledge and learning at home and then participating in real life experiments and application in the classroom. I feel that this practice will make the learning a more meaningful experience for each child.

Our next science unit is the Scientific Method, which I feel is a perfect opportunity to implement a flipped classroom. I will be assigning homework for them to accomplish 2-3 nights a week. The homework assigned will give them the background knowledge required, and then we will be doing hands on experiments in class to demonstrate the process of the scientific method. Their homework will include watching content videos, informational reading, etc.

All of the at home materials will be available via my Weebly and Edmodo site. I will also be allowing students access to the information before and after school if computer and internet access is unavailable to you at home. If your child will be needing time accommodations for homework due to technology needs please e-mail me at michelle.erb@canyonsdistrict.org If students choose not to do the required material work at home, I will be giving them opportunities to complete the information at school during their “free time” i.e recess time.

Thanks for working with me to give each child the best experience possible this year! I appreciate all you do for your child and support for me in the classroom.

Thanks again,

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