INTRODUCING YOUR STUDENTS' FABULOUS TEACHERS!

**Miss Martha Goding - English Language Arts / Social Studies**

I am so excited to be teaching 7th grade again this year. I will be teaching English Language Arts and Social Studies, and my elective will be Newspaper. I am looking forward to challenging the students and creating a dynamic community. I knew I wanted to be a teacher from the time I was in 6th grade. My inspiration was my wonderful mom, who passed on her legacy of love for kids and teaching. I have been teaching at EDUPRIZE for 19 years now, and have enjoyed making a difference in my students' lives. I am an identical twin, and have 2 wonderful sons. I love all kinds of nature, and own a very sweet dog named Tucker. In my spare time, I love to scrapbook, bake, and read curled up with a nice cup of coffee.

**Miss Ashlyn Walker - Math/Science**

I'm so excited to join the EDUPRIZE 7th grade team this year! This is my fifth year teaching and I pride myself in bringing creativity into math and science. I'm a proud Sun Devil, born and raised in Arizona. Being an Arizona native I love the summer heat! I also like to heat it up in the kitchen. In my free time I bake specialty cakes for all occasions. I love to laugh and spend time with my family. I believe in molding students to be lifelong learners, because learning something new each day is what makes life exciting! I will be teaching Math and Science, and Science Olympiad as an elective this year.

**Mr. Lee Dotson - Math/Science**

This is my second year at EDUPRIZE, and I have specialized in Middle School Math and Science for 8 years. I will be teaching 7th grade Math and Science, and Photography/Yearbook as an elective. I have a Bachelors of Fine Arts from Arizona State University and a Post Baccalaureate Education Certification from Northern Arizona University. Growing up as an Arizona native taught me to enjoy hiking and camping in the deserts and forests of Arizona. My wife and I live in Gilbert with our 3 daughters and my white lab Bleu.

**Miss Monica McNelly - Honors English Language Arts / Social Studies**

I am a graduate of Brigham Young University with a specialization in Social Studies. I have been teaching for 18 years and the last 7 years have been at EDUPRIZE. This is my second year of teaching 7th grade English Language Arts, Social Studies and Theater, and I have loved every minute of it. I have recently gone back to school to pursue a graduate degree in Gifted Education and Curriculum. For the past 4 years, I have created & directed the Musical Theater program. I have participated in many musical groups throughout my life and enjoy inspiring others to perform. In my free time I love to travel, I have a love for learning, especially if it relates to History and Science.
Mr. Thomas Metry - Honors Math/Science

My name is Thomas Metry. I’m the new guy in Arizona. I moved here from St. Paul, Minnesota where I was born and raised. I enjoy being outside, playing and coaching sports, card games, reading, going to the movies, and learning new things. My passion for teaching has been developing ever since I became a big brother at the age of 3. The key to a good education is a caring community, supportive and passionate teachers and parents, dedicated students, and remembering to have fun every day. I will be teaching Math and Science, and Math Olympiad as an elective.

MINDSET FOR 7th GRADERS
Our goal with the 7th grade students is to provide opportunities for them to grow in character and community-mindedness. The students will become familiar with the following guidelines listed below and apply them to their life.

SERIOUS- We travel through life for the purpose of getting from one educational experience to another. That is a SERIOUS PURPOSE and our behavior should show that.
EXEMPLARY- We should set an example of appropriate behavior and set a standard that other classes can EMULATE.
EXCEPTIONAL- We should exhibit exceptional behavior. Commonplace, thoughtless behavior will not suffice.
DETERMINED- We should be DETERMINED to: enter the classroom quietly, and ready to receive the next set of instructions.

SEVENTH GRADE SYLLABI/Course Descriptions:

English Language Arts/ Social Studies. Full Year, 1 credit each
This course is an integration between the Elements of Literature as well as the specific historical events from Civil War to the beginning of World War II. We will hone the students Reading skills using authentic literatures and primary sources to teach the fundamental techniques of English Language Arts based on the Common Core standards. We will be guiding students to use good writing practices and showing them how to evaluate their own writing using specific rubrics and lesson plans created from our Lucy Caulkins Writing curriculum. Assessments will include projects, comparative analyses and short essays.

Honors English Language Arts/ Social Studies. Full Year, 1 credit each
As an honors class, students are expected to have a deeper understanding of the topics discussed. This fast-paced class requires a high degree of self responsibility. Students will have an average of over 30 min of homework per night. Earning a D or F at the quarter puts a student on probation until the semester. Further participation in the current honors class will be at the teacher’s discretion if the semester grade is below a C.
Math/Science.
We will be developing an understanding of using and applying proportionality, the use of formulas, and the use of operations on rational numbers and equations. Students will also use numbers and operations in the understanding of data analysis and probability. They will apply what they learned through project based learning based on the Common Core standards. We will explore Science concepts using an inquiry-based approach with emphasis on the skills of observation and hypothesis generation, scientific testing, and analysis and interpretation of scientific data. Integrated topics will include populations and organisms in an ecosystem; structure of the Earth; Earth processes and systems; and Earth in the Solar System. Topics will encompass history and nature of science study, as well as Science in personal and social perspectives.

DAILY SUPPLY LIST
4- spiral notebooks (must be 8 1/2 x 11 in & college ruled)
1 pkg. dry erase markers
2 Highlighters
1 pkg. notebook paper (college-ruled)
1 pair of scissors
2 black sharpies (1 fine, 1 reg.)
1 pair of headphones

MATH/SCIENCE SUPPLIES
1 Scientific Calculator
1 Compass
1 pkg. graph paper

ELA/S.S. SUPPLIES
1 Composition Book
1 pack sticky notes (small)