



# Blades Elementary School Principle 6



"We set goals so we can get better."  
Thurston- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Student reflecting on his goals for Term 2

B.U.G. Club Goal

Term 1

Student Name: Thurston [redacted] Date: 10/8/13

Subject: Math

Goal: improve subtraction skills

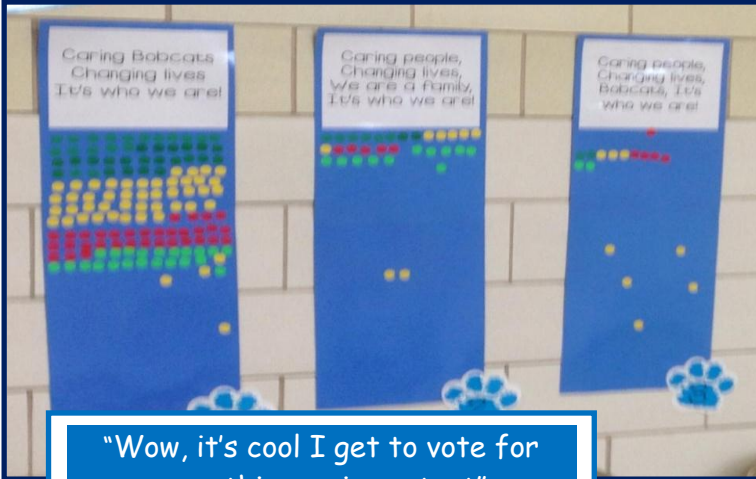
Why was this goal chosen?  
I like math

What will you do to meet this goal?  
practice at home and school  
be flashcards

Student Signature: Thurston

Teacher Signature: Ms. Hearst

Mehlville High School students tutored all grade levels to help eliminate achievement gaps by working with small groups on specific skills.



"Wow, it's cool I get to vote for something so important"  
Anna- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Student on voting for the Touchstone

1<sup>st</sup>/<sup>2</sup> Grade STRETCH Update  
10.7.13

**Morning Work**

**Geography:** Today's Geography work focused on the Compass Rose. We discussed the four cardinal directions... North, South, East, West and the four intercardinal or ordinal directions...Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest. We also made up some fun acronyms for N, S, E, W...like: Never Eat Soggy Waffles  
Nobody Eats Slimy Worms  
Never Enter Santa's Workshop  
Never Ever Stuff Whales

Each student also made their own Compass Ross for their binders by cutting, labeling, and coloring directions on their own papers.

**Big Unit:** Today we started our first portion of our big unit for the year. The big unit for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades is Adventures in the Air, Land, and Sea. Timelines were the first topic of discussion. Each classroom has a large timeline posted outside in the hall. The students worked together today to label airplanes for the timeline. Each airplane holds a date on one wing, a name/title on a second wing, and factual information along the body of the airplane. We will be hanging our airplanes according to date next week along the timeline.

**Other:** Logic packets and/or Tangrams—recognizing patterns, spatial logic, deductive thinking /logic, risk taking.

**Core**

T-shirt and "Sling" bag order forms are still being accepted. Please send those orders in if you would like to purchase one.

STRETCH Conferences follow the schedule below. Please be on time. Thank you!  
October 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-8:00 pm and

STRETCH (gifted program) promotes higher level thinking that leads to intellectual growth in students.



October 16, 2013

Dear Devon Jordan,  
Hi! My name Abernithra. I like writing letters, I wrote to many people. Have you wrote some letters to your friends and why?

I study in Tathva School. We here have lots of American teachers. What are your teachers name?

I like tennis because tennis is fun, And my teacher also likes tennis. What sports do you like?

Your peepal  
Abernithra

"I liked writing letters to them. It was fun and I felt happy. I have a new friend." Devon - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Student reflecting on their class writing letters to their pen pals in Tokoyo.