



Distance
Education
Newsletter
OCT/NOV 2018

Upcoming Calendar Items

October 22nd Discovery Day Deadline - [Session 4](#)
October 23rd [Utah STEM Fest](#) 6-8pm
October 24th 10-11AM [Parent Lexia Training](#) @ CGA
October 24th Midnight [CGA Hoodie Orders](#) Due
October 25th [Science Fair Entrance Form](#) Due
October 26th [Hale Theater Field Trip](#)
October 29th-30th [Space Center Survivors 7-18yo](#)
October 30th [Potato Fest](#) Orders Due
Oct 29th - Nov 1st: Epic Day Halloween Parties
November 2nd [SeaQuest/Hill Aerospace Field Trip](#)
November 9th or 16th [Sweet's Candy Tour](#)
November 10th - [Monthly Goal Form](#) Due
November 13th Potato Fest Orders arrive @ CGA
November 9th, 16th, 30th, Dec 7th [Fun Friday](#)
November 30th BYU [Christmas Around the World](#)
December 6th [School Science Fair](#)
December 7th [Clark Planetarium](#) Field Trip

*Don't forget to sign-up for January
Discovery Day session during December!*

October Potato Fest

Why a fundraiser? The Potato Fest is to earn money for [Emergency Preparedness](#) kits at each of our DE sites. We want to have water, snacks, and some other emergency supplies beyond our first aid kit to prepare. Why potatoes? Well, with yummy soups and holiday parties, potatoes just made sense. Orders need to be turned in by October 30th. Potatoes arrive November 13th. [Order Here!](#)

Failure: How We Grow

Blog by Kim Goates, CGA Executive Director
We have been talking a lot about Failure as part of our 21st Century Skills. It is an interesting subject because of the power it has over us. Failure, and perhaps even worse, the fear of failure, often holds us back. It prevents us from becoming all we can be. [Read More Here!](#)

Science Fair

Canyon Grove Science Fair is just around the corner! We encourage all 5th-8th grade students to participate. Those who enter a project get to go to on a special field trip to Lagoon Physics Day at the end of the year for a reduced price. We would LOVE to have more DE students participate and DE parents come help judge the fair. This is not only a great process for the students, but advancing at these fairs looks great on college entrance and scholarship applications! Some focused time now helps to open future doors. [Read More Here!](#)

The Elusive Schedule

by Rebecca Harrison, DE Director
When I first started our home education journey, I felt completely overwhelmed. Structured learning time erupted into epic meltdowns. Sometimes the meltdown was one child, sometimes another, sometimes me... and some very special days, all of us! I felt the pressure of time slipping away. I knew we were getting further behind in our curriculum. Was I going to ruin my children? [More...](#)

*The bad news is that TIME FLIES. The
good news is that YOU'RE THE PILOT!*

—Michael L. Atshuler



Lexile Level

Lexile levels can help your student find books they like that are just at the right reading level for your student. Students should be reading books that range from 100 L below and 50 L over the student's Lexile level. Finding "just right" books to read helps with a student's motivation.

[Read More](#)

The Learning Pit

Successes are milestones, but we can also celebrate failures as *growth opportunities*. In the SmartLab® and in Epic Days, we are reinforcing these concepts. **WHY?** To learn more, please watch this 11 minute video on the [Learning Pit](#). The concept is amazing!

Positive Behavioral Support

Spending lots of time together can strengthen your family ties. We are starting a book corner and a blog series on this topic. Please watch future newsletters for ideas on this. :)

Remind Links

Remind is an App Messaging system to help keep track of all that's going on at CGA. [Sign up](#) today!

Positions Available

We are currently hiring for the following positions: Thursday ES Assistant in Springville, M-Th ES Assistant, Discovery Day Mentors. You can find details on our Facebook pages. Please help us find great people to work with your wonderful students!



Math Power Standards

As parents who are very involved in the education of our children, many of us find that math can be hard to tackle. We wonder how to teach it and how to help our students feel confident with math. With so many curriculum options and things to do, we may wonder if our child is on track in math. What are the basics math skills for each grade? Are we doing enough?

Introducing...[Math Power Standards!](#) They help lay a solid math foundation for each student. By definition, these are core math skills divided by grade level, the basic building blocks for elementary math literacy in our world today.

We have created a list of eight standards and broken each of them into one or more "[I Can](#)" statements. These can help in the following ways:

- Use to guide student yearly math progress.
- Document progress to ES through student work samples for each of these eight standards.
- Demonstrate mastery of foundational concepts.

We have created games that can show mastery of a power standard. These games will be sprinkled throughout the year at Epic Days with the Educational Specialist or the class. We will keep it fun... and it will make things easier for you at home!

In addition to the "[I Can](#)" statements and instructions in your student's math curriculum, we have created a support booklet with a clickable Table of Contents. We will continually be adding Power Standard practice ideas and support resources to this booklet to help your student find success in mastering each skill. We are excited to work with you to help every child feel successful in math.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

- Who: All Distance Education students
- What: Halloween parties (costume optional)
- Where: Your Epic Day location
- When: 1:45-2:45 @ Your Epic Day (Oct. 29th - Nov. 1st)
- How: Show up in an appropriate costume & HAVE FUN!



- *Costumes must be in the spirit of good, clean fun. Please keep modest, no gore, no masks, and no weapons.
- *These parties are put on by the parents of the location.

If you want to help volunteer or contribute to the student grab bags, please contact your ES to find out which mom is in charge of the party in your location to see what you can do to help out.. This will be lots of fun! We THANK our parents who put these parties on!

