



# Mrs. Briggs-Peters Challenge Chronicles January

## 3rd Grade

Students will finish Romeo and Juliet, which is Shakespeare's most popular play. We will discuss what makes the play a tragedy. We will begin Hands-on -Equations, which is a hands-on approach to solving algebra problems. These lessons build upon one another, and they get increasingly more complex.

## 4th Grade

Students will work in their groups together to build their popsicle stick bridges. Students will design the sides of the bridge and then build both sides. After that, the students will complete the top and bottom of the bridges. Please see the side not about the Bridge Event time and location. Students will continue to enhance math skills using Figure It Out Math. We will practice the skills of "Solve a Simpler Problem" and "Work Backward".



## 5th Grade

Students will examine the creation of Mount Rushmore and study how the carving helped the American economy during the Great Depression. Students will continue to enhance math skills using Figure It Out Math. We will practice the skills of "Draw a Picture" and "Use Logical Reasoning". We will use these skills to solve non-routine math problems. Students have begun Hands-on -Equations, which is a hands-on approach to solving algebra problems. These lessons build upon one another, and they get increasingly more complex. We will soon begin using the green cubes, which are negative numbers!

\*Performance Task Testing February 20-March 8. This will be for students who have partially qualified for Challenge. If your child is in Challenge they do not need to take this test. I will continue to meet with my classes once testing is complete.

