



The Bay Academy for the Arts & Sciences  
Intermediate School 98

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1. **PARCC Updates-** Planning Instruction with PARCC Tools The Teaching Channel and PARCC have released a video series that focuses on using PARCC tools to carefully analyze how standards, evidence, and tasks interact, and applying these understandings to inform instructional decisions. The video series shows the link between great assessment and great instruction. **Explore and learn at the Teaching Channel**
2. **Bulletin Boards-** Please update your bulletin boards by close of business Friday 1/30/15.
3. **Essential Questions-** As I continue with the observation process I've noticed that many teachers are not keeping the EQ on the board during the entire lesson. The EQ is the goal of the lesson and it guides you through the lesson. Please ensure that is aligned to the lesson and that it remains on the board throughout the entire lesson.
4. **Closet Doors-** Please ensure that all coat closets doors are closed. Many of our students wear very expensive jackets and there are those students who are tempted to steal them. Therefore, if the closets remain closed, the temptation is reduced. I have been in too many classrooms where the doors are open. It is also is a safety hazard.
5. **Respect for All-** The week of February 9-13, 2015 has been designated as **Respect for All**. We will continue with our tradition of recognizing random acts of kindness with a 3 point coupon. The coupons will be placed in your letter box next week. Please be generous and use them to recognize **random acts of kindness**. Also, this year there will be new initiatives aligned to this important cause. Please look for the introductory letter in your mailbox.
6. **Teacher's Choice-** Please submit your receipts to L. Finale ASAP



**Thought to Ponder...**

**What do you call a room full of authors, inventors and explorers?**

***Your first period class***