

Dear Students and Parents,

Your Specials teachers have been missing you! Did you know Ms. Moran ran a ½ marathon in Hawaii and that Ms. Contreras has a very noisy Parrot? We are thinking of you and hoping that you are all healthy and safe at home. We will miss seeing your faces in our classrooms and are disappointed that you won't be able to enjoy all the cool lessons we had planned.

Never fear! We are teachers and we have IDEAS! We have been meeting online all week about how we are going to continue to teach you about the things we love: music, performing, technology, the world, and staying healthy. We've put together a few enrichment activities that you can do at home. Please don't feel like you have to do them. The lessons and activities from your grade level teachers come first. Should you feel the need for something different or new, then these are the activities for you! We hope you enjoy them!

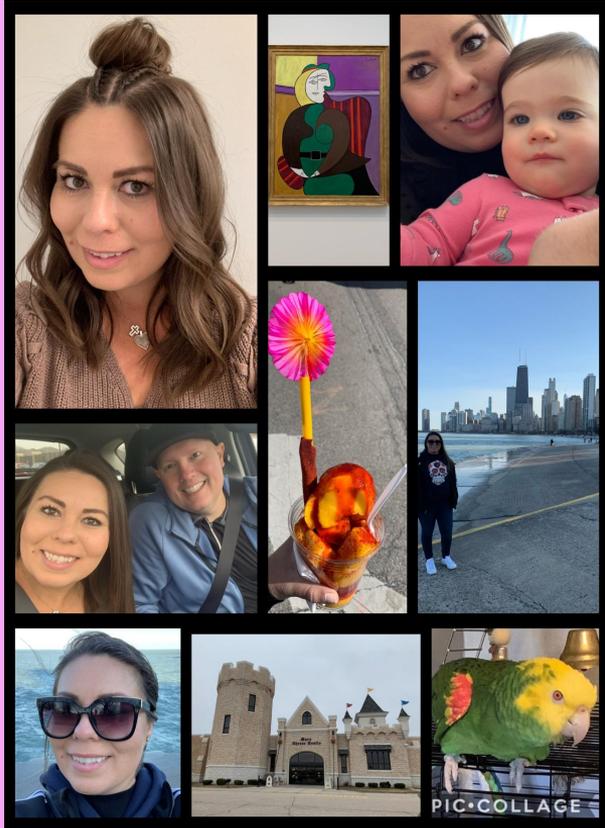
Sincerely,

Ms. Moran, Ms. Contreras, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Braaksma, and Mrs. Griffith

P.S. Can you guess which picture goes with which specials teacher?



Miss Contreras Physical Education



- I hope everyone had a great Spring Break. Here are a few pictures from my trip to Chicago.
- Top row; left to right: 1) I cut my hair and I'm feeling like a magical unicorn 2) The Art Institute of Chicago 3) Hugging my baby cousin Emilia
- Middle row: 4) Heading to Wisconsin with my cousin Jacob. We drove to Wisconsin with the sole purpose of visiting the "cheese castle." 5) Eating a yummy Mangonada 6) Taking a walk along the Chicago Lakefront Trail
- Bottom row: 7) Enjoying the peaceful lake 8) Mars Cheese Castle. We made it! Cheese everywhere! We sampled so much cheese and had a mouthwatering Corned Beef sandwich then headed back to Chicago with a full belly. 9) My parrot "Guero." He is not a fan of "self-isolation." He has made it his goal to scream during every team video conference.
- Click the link for a fun active challenge you can do at home. Happy hunting!
 - [Scavenger Hunt document](#)
- I miss you guys so much. Stay safe, healthy, happy and active
- Scavenger hunt answer key (NO peeking!)
 - [Scavenger Hunt Answer sheet for parents](#)



Lilly is the STAR at our house! She's very glad we're home all day! I love seeing all the pictures of your dogs. Humans have been enjoying the benefits of the human/canine partnership for centuries! What would we do without them?

Check out the show "Dogs" on Netflix to see stories of humans and their dogs from around the world! I'll bet you'll see your dog differently after you watch this show. Create an art masterpiece about your dog and share it here.

<https://flipgrid.com/d74dabb3>

This is me in my home office/craft/workroom.

Many of you know, I LOVE to play video games. Joe, Taylor and I enjoy playing Animal Crossings together on our Switch, and I'm busy making them amigurumi figures from the game.

So, between crafts, Lilly, video games, and LOTS and LOTS of walks, we are staying busy and healthy here at the Griffith house. Now, I'm off to watch your Flipgrids and devise some fun stuff for you to do at home! Miss you all!





Throwback photo
from 2009!



SOAP and WATER SONG

Just click
on the
title and
sing along!

Ms. Johnson
General Music
K-6



Ms. Moran Performing Arts

Hi KGA Friends! I hope you had a great break! I had a fun time in Hawaii and saw beautiful waterfalls, vegetation, animals and of course, the ocean!

I ran a 1/2 marathon in Hilo on the Big Island and came in 4th place for my division.

Two of our essential skills in acting/performance are awareness and observation. While you are home with your families, I encourage you to go on a “sound walk” and see how many different sounds you can collect.

Did you hear any or all of the sounds on the right? What else did you hear? What sounds did you hear that your parents/family missed? How did it feel to connect to the sounds in your environment?

5 or more
bird calls

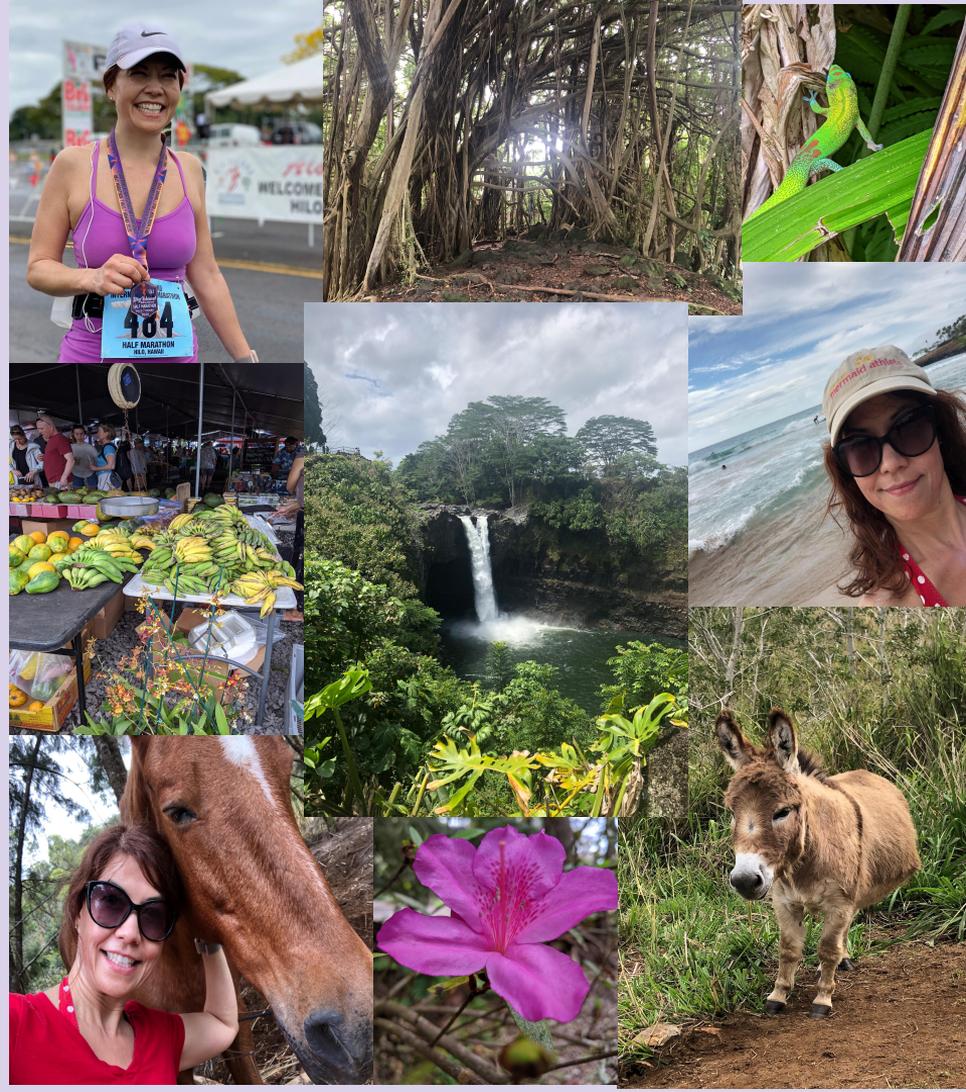
lawn mower

dog barking

car stereo

leaves rustling

garbage truck



Technology with Mrs. Braaksma

Hello everyone!! Oh, boy, how I've missed you all.

Times are definitely different today than they were before we left for spring break. Please know that the Braaksma family is doing well and we are enjoying the extra time together as a family.

This spring break my family and I stayed home, so I'm sharing a few family photos from our travels earlier in the year. My husband and two daughters like to get out on small road trips, so here we are in Payson, Tucson, and Seattle. And, I'm sure you saw my dog, Bandit on the front page. He sure is cute!

As you're home and able, don't forget that [Learning.com](https://www.learning.com) is an excellent resource for you to practice your keyboarding skills, to do lessons to learn about the computer, and to practice your coding skills. You can find all sorts of fun activities on the [KGA Technology website](https://www.kga.org) too. Have fun exploring!



ANSWERS



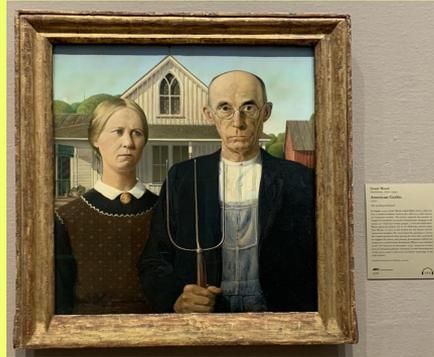
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