

Ah, spring should be springing soon. That, invariably, adds a new element to an adolescent classroom. As we round the corner toward the homestretch, students should reconsider their goals for term two and assess whether they're on track.

### Academically Speaking

Our second reading strategies assessments indicate considerable growth in reading strategies employment and reading comprehension for the majority of students. We will continue to develop these skills and strategies. We'll begin Literature Circles in which those choosing to read the same novel will act as experts in summarizing, questioning, developing vocabulary, detecting literary devices, and analyzing.

In Mathematics, we are completing work on fractions, ratios, and percents. This will wrap up the Number Sense and Numeracy portion of the Math program. Volume, capacity, and metric unit conversions will follow.

The focus for Science will continue to be Pure Substances and Mixtures. Particle Theory, concentration, solubility, viscosity, and density should become familiar terms. We may get into Heat in the Environment before month's end.

Up next in History will be British North America.

Following several spirited classes of Zumba, the students will be forming their own dances in groups in Physical Education/Dance. Growth and Development is always a popular strand in Health and is coming soon to a child near you.

Drama and Music are featured in the Arts. Random groups are preparing various productions on topics such as sports, awkward situations, daily activities and so on; and a karaoke competition is in progress.

### Special Activities

There are always wonderful activities planned here at The Creek. Please check the school calendar for important dates and activities. Of special note are Karaoke, Future Building Trade Show, and several fundraisers.