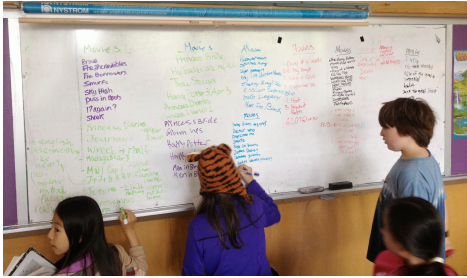


32nd (and final!) HOME/SCHOOL CONNECTION

June 23rd, 2013



- CHOOSING A MOVIE FOR POINTS DAY!** As a class, you wrote down a HUGE list of movie choices for our points day (see photo) and then you each picked your top three and explained your reasons for choosing what you did. On Monday, you will make a case for the one(s) you most want to see and then we will have a vote. What do you think of this

method for choosing? Do you think I (Ms. Stark) should have just chosen, or do you think it's good to have everyone's input? Why do you say that?

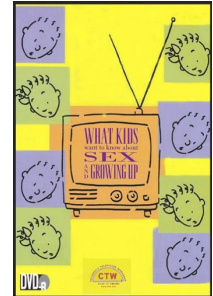
SPEAKING OF CHOICE: Our class has been analyzing some Ben Franklin proverbs. They are attached to this HSC. What I found amazing is that without me saying anything, some of you noticed that proverbs can be metaphorical (when two unlike things are being compared without using the words like or as). You saw how the skit that Zach, Julianna and Rinka did about "The sleeping fox catches no poultry." is like a metaphor for you if you are slumped on your desk. Explain to your mom or dad the proverbs you received and the skits you created. Do you think acting them out is a good idea? Why? Some people think proverbs don't really change the way people behave. What is your opinion? Go over the proverbs with a parent. What ones did they most like? Did the conversation help you understand any of them better?

BRANDEIS STUDENTS: On the day you were given the proverbs to turn into a skit, some Brandeis students came to observe our class. They are graduate school students who are becoming teachers and they are interested in improving conversations of students. How was it having them in our class? Do you think if they weren't there, your group would have behaved differently? I can tell you that after you left and went to art, they told me how impressed they were at how 'on track and focused' you were.

- ELEPHANT DONATIONS!** We chose the organization. It's called, The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. http://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/html/elephant_conservation.html
They have a program where your money goes to fostering an orphaned baby elephant who can then be released back into the wild. <http://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/asp/fostering.asp>
It seems we are going to foster an elephant named 'Wendi'. Wendi means hope in the tribal dialect. <http://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/asp/fostering.asp>

POINTS DAY: This Tuesday is our long awaited Points Day! We will have morning meeting and then get ready for our outdoor games and water play. After the water experience, we will get changed and watch the movie the class voted for. While you watch the movie, we will eat lunch and then head up to Coolidge Corner to go to 16 Handles. If you don't like yogurt or can't eat it, we will make a pit stop at 711. Along the way, we will stop at a few stores to give them our elephant brochures. Thus, the walk will also be an 'Elephant Walk.' If you are doing this after Tuesday, how did it all go? If you are doing this before, what are you most looking forward to?

INTRO TO ADOLESCENCE: Last week, as part of our focus on social changes during adolescence, we focused on different pressures you face such as school, parents, siblings, and your peers. We reviewed techniques people might use to pressure you and ways of resisting them. The Ben Franklin skits were another way to think about how to deal with social problems that might arise as you get older. This week we will be talking about emotional and physical changes during adolescence. We are going to watch a movie called, "What Kids Want To Know about Sex and Growing Up." As we discussed, there is a lot of **mis**information that can get passed around from movies or songs or just rumors you might hear. You and your parents might want to make a list of people who you might talk to depending on the types of questions you have.



SUMMER READING: Ms. Neale introduced you to the summer reading envelope. Go through the packet with your parent. Begin to make plans for the books you might read over the summer. Is there one you and some of your peers might want to read at the same time? Maybe you and your dad or mom might want to read one of them together. As you know, having conversations about books helps you understand them better. What book do you know you already want to read? _____

ALMANAC and ENDINGS: One can feel many emotions as we end the year. I know I do! Most of you probably feel so happy and relieved to have leisurely summer days ahead of you. Some of you might feel a little sad because we have formed our own routines and jokes and understandings in 5SH and now our group is heading off into different directions. Many of you might also feel excited and hopeful about what you will be doing in the future. The almanac we're creating is a way to think about some of these ideas. What did you like thinking about in the almanac?

ANYTHING ELSE? _____

DUE: Wednesday! We made a time to sit and do the HSC together on _____
Parent Signature/Comments:

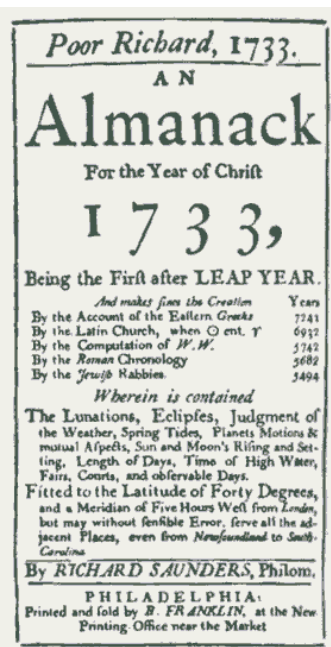
Student Rating: 1-5. Please say why.

You wrote a QUESTION MARK (?) NEXT TO ONES YOU WANTED TO DISCUSS AND A SMILEY FACE (☺) NEXT TO THOSE YOU THINK ARE GOOD ADVICE FOR YOU and/or CLASSMATES.

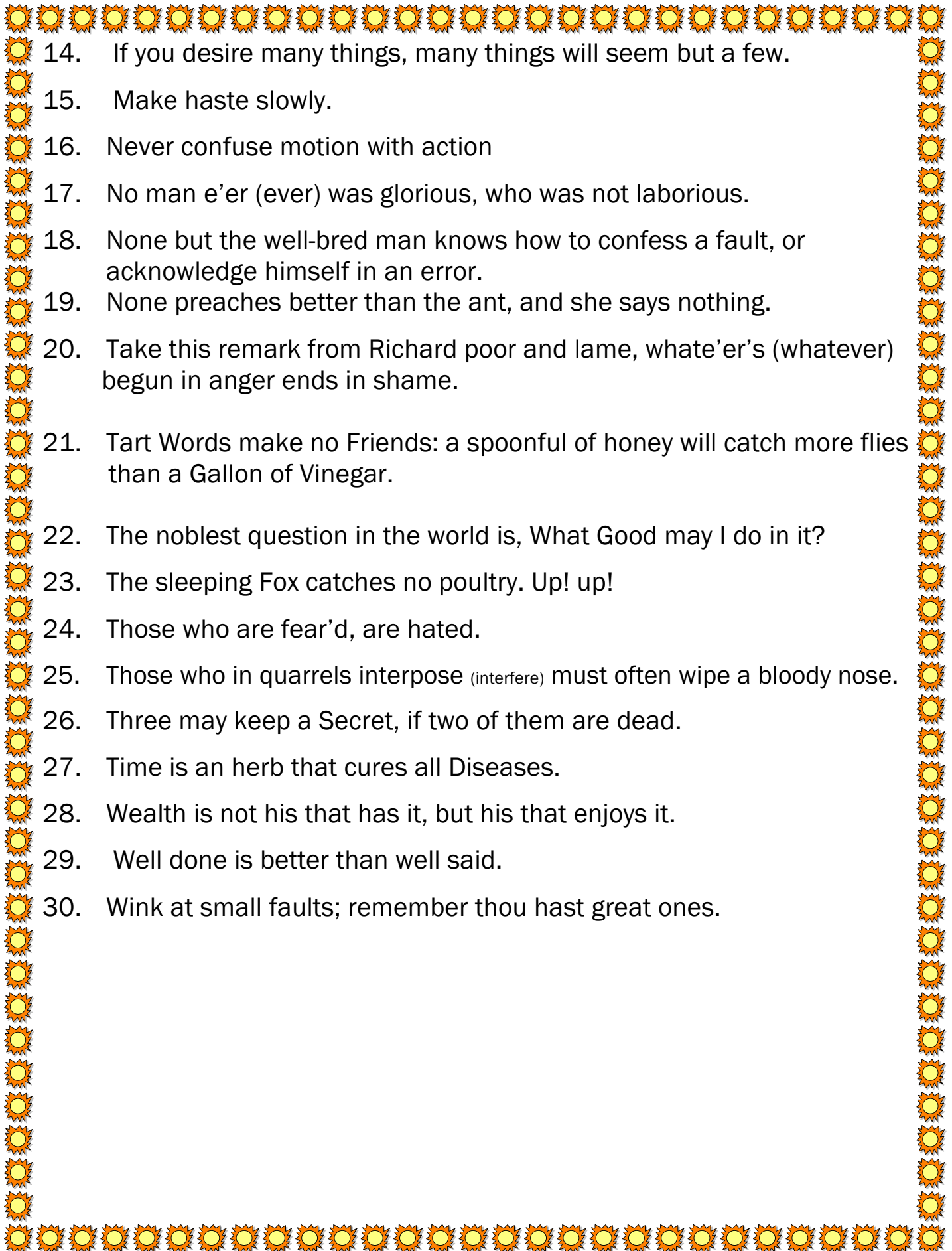
Poor Richard's Almanack

by Benjamin Franklin (alias Richard Saunders)

*Note: If you see weird spelling or capitalization, it's because during the time that Ben Franklin was alive, rules for spelling and grammar were different.



1. A quarrelsome Man has no good Neighbours.
2. An empty Bag cannot stand upright.
3. Be slow in chusing (choosing) a friend, slower in changing.
4. Better slip with foot than tongue.
5. Don't throw stones at your neighbours, if your own windows are glass.
6. Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.
7. Gifts burst rocks.
8. Great Beauty, great strength, & great Riches, are really & truly of no great use; a right Heart exceeds all.
9. He that cannot obey, cannot command.
10. He that scatters Thorns, let him not go barefoot.
11. He that speaks much, is much mistaken.
12. Hear no ill of a Friend, nor speak any of an Enemy.
13. If thou hast wit & learning, add to it Wisdom and Modesty."

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14. If you desire many things, many things will seem but a few.
 15. Make haste slowly.
 16. Never confuse motion with action
 17. No man e'er (ever) was glorious, who was not laborious.
 18. None but the well-bred man knows how to confess a fault, or acknowledge himself in an error.
 19. None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing.
 20. Take this remark from Richard poor and lame, whate'er's (whatever) begun in anger ends in shame.
 21. Tart Words make no Friends: a spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a Gallon of Vinegar.
 22. The noblest question in the world is, What Good may I do in it?
 23. The sleeping Fox catches no poultry. Up! up!
 24. Those who are fear'd, are hated.
 25. Those who in quarrels interpose (interfere) must often wipe a bloody nose.
 26. Three may keep a Secret, if two of them are dead.
 27. Time is an herb that cures all Diseases.
 28. Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it.
 29. Well done is better than well said.
 30. Wink at small faults; remember thou hast great ones.