



**Gackle-Streeter School District**  
**Monthly Newsletter**  
**May 2023**

## Superintendent Newsletter

### May 2023

After what seemed to be a never ending winter, May is finally here, I look forward to the excitement that goes with school letting out, graduation, family vacations and hopefully warm sunshine!

As I write this article, the ND Legislature is nearing the end of session. Education funding is typically one of the last budgets to get finalized. We wait patiently to see how the Education funding will look and how that will translate into the mill structure for our district.

2 bills passed that will affect the school curriculum. HB1265 requires that a 3-minute video explaining the development of a fertilized egg into a fetus be shown in all 7-12 grade health classes. The second bill, HB1398, requires that every teacher k-12 will incorporate a unit on cybersecurity and that every student graduates with a minimum of one credit in computer science and cybersecurity. All teachers will need to be trained to teach this new required curriculum. North Dakota is the first state in the nation to adopt this requirement.

We have had to deal with some snow days this winter. The decision was made to make up two of our snow days in April. Because we made those days up, students will not have to make up the 3 days that were missed due to this last blizzard. Thank you for being flexible and supporting the decisions made when dealing with adverse weather and making up time. Now as we get near the end of the year, the calendar will not need to be extended.

Driver's Ed will take place May 30-June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kulm. The school will run a bus down and back for those days. The bus will leave the school at 7:45 am. Please be at the school by that time.

Good luck to the track and golf athletes as they make the best of the late spring and will hopefully have a competitive season and attempt to qualify for state competition.

Please plan to attend graduation on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 at the Gackle-Streeter School Gym at 1pm. (Note the time change from years past.) 8 seniors have earned a diploma. Come out and wish them well on the next chapter of life.

Summer is coming!

Sincerely,

Supt. Mark Berg



## FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL BUCKEYE

May 2023

Dear GSPS Families,

I think Mother Nature is playing a trick on all of us. It doesn't seem right that spring is here, and we are still seeing snow. We have less than 3 weeks until summer vacation. What an awesome year it has been!!!!

Just want to remind everyone that graduation is set for May 21, 2023 at 1:00 in the gymnasium. We have 8 graduates this year. I am so proud of each of them. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for these incredible students.

Big SHOUT OUT to our very own Logan County Teacher of the Year- Mrs. Nitschke. Mrs. Nitschke was nominated and named Logan County Teacher of the Year. Her dedication and ability to connect and make a difference in the lives of our students is impeccable. We appreciate her drive and efforts to make a difference in the lives of our students and our staff in the building. Congratulations Mrs. Nitschke- we are so lucky to have you on our team.

Our building has been moving and shaking. Our students have been have had great success in the Music Department, the Speech Department, the FFA chapter, Americanism essay contests, Keep ND Clean poster contest, and the Local Poppy Poster contest. Track and golf are under way. The spring has not been very cooperative, but the kids have been practicing and will be ready when the time is right.

It doesn't seem possible that we truly are at the end of the school year. I want to thank the students, parents, teachers, and staff for another amazing year. We have had some ups and downs this school year, but definitely more ups than downs. The support our school has been given by our community is incredible. Thank you so much for being here for our kids, believing in our mission, and promoting the future of our community. We have such amazing kids!

Let's make this last month a great one!  
Mrs. Buckeye

**Mark your calendars: Please understand these dates and times could change.**

- April 24<sup>th</sup>-May 5<sup>th</sup>- NWEA Testing Window
- April 24<sup>th</sup>- Streeter Coop Annual Meeting- music kids serve
- April 25<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Transition Day
- April 25<sup>th</sup>- Artist Miss Myra will be here to work with high school
- April 26<sup>th</sup>- Paul Zenker here to talk financial planning with Juniors and Seniors during 1<sup>st</sup> period in Mrs. Erbele's room
- April 26<sup>th</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Master Gardener Cecelia Collins 2:10-3:10
- April 26<sup>th</sup>- High school staff meeting at 3:30
- April 27<sup>th</sup>- Artist Miss Myra will be here to work with elementary
- April 27<sup>th</sup>- High school music concert at 7:00
- April 28<sup>th</sup>- Run and Read- 8:30-9:30
- April 29<sup>th</sup>- State Speech in Mandan- time TBA
- May 1<sup>st</sup>- Junior/Senior Banquet at 6:30 in lunchroom
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Elementary staff meeting at 3:30
- May 4<sup>th</sup>- Fourth Grade Wax Museum for the school at 8:45
- May 4<sup>th</sup>- Elementary Music Concert at 6:30
- May 5<sup>th</sup>- Coffee with Kids/Run and Read 8:30-9:30
- May 5<sup>th</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> grade Wax Museum
- May 6<sup>th</sup>- State Music
- May 9<sup>th</sup>- Bookmobile 10:30-1:30
- May 9<sup>th</sup>- FFA Horse judging event
- May 10<sup>th</sup>- FFA monthly meeting at 3:30
- May 10<sup>th</sup>- High school staff meeting at 3:30
- May 12<sup>th</sup>- Elementary- Birthday Party- 2:00-2:45
- May 15<sup>th</sup>- FFA Day of Caring/Ditches- 9:30-12:00
- May 15<sup>th</sup>- Graduation Parade- Kindergarten and Senior walk- 2:30
- May 15<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten Graduation following the parade
- May 16<sup>th</sup>- News Article is due
- May 16<sup>th</sup>- Hunter Pinke 1:00 in Jamestown No BAD Days grades 7-12
- May 17<sup>th</sup>- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- Elementary Awards in the morning
  - Senior graduation practice in the morning
  - High School Awards in the afternoon
  - END OF QUARTER
- May 21<sup>st</sup>- Graduation 1:00
- May 30<sup>th</sup>- Drivers Ed in Kulm 8:30-4:30
- May 31<sup>st</sup>- Drivers Ed in Kulm 8:30-4:30
- June 1<sup>st</sup>- Drivers Ed in Kulm 8:30-4:30
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>- Drivers Ed in Kulm 8:30-4:30
- June 5-8- State FFA
- June 23-27- Washington D.C.- World Classrooms Trip

## 2023 Semester Test Schedule

		1 <sup>st</sup> period	2 <sup>nd</sup> period	3 <sup>rd</sup> period	4 <sup>th</sup> period	5 <sup>th</sup> period	6 <sup>th</sup> period	7 <sup>th</sup> period
5/10						5 <sup>th</sup> period		
5/11					4 <sup>th</sup> period			7 <sup>th</sup> period
5/12			2 <sup>nd</sup> period					7 <sup>th</sup> period
5/15								
5/16		3 <sup>rd</sup> period	1 <sup>st</sup> period	6 <sup>th</sup> period				
5/17		1 <sup>st</sup> period						

Wednesday- 5/10- 5<sup>th</sup> period

Thursday- 5/11- 4<sup>th</sup> period and 7<sup>th</sup> period

Friday- 5/12- 2<sup>nd</sup> period and 7<sup>th</sup> period

NO TESTS MONDAY

Tuesday- 5/16- Running different schedule.

Begin with period 3, 1, and 6.

We will test 3<sup>rd</sup> period and 6<sup>th</sup> period.

Eat early and go to Jamestown to hear Hunter  
Pinke.

Wednesday- 5/17- 1<sup>st</sup> period



# Kindergarten News

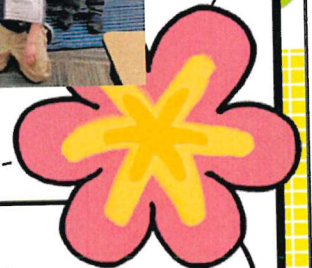
In math we have been working on measurement and numbers to 100.

In reading we have been learning about interesting animals.

In phonics we have been working on sounds and building words.

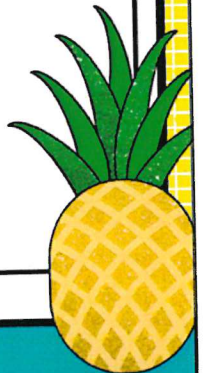
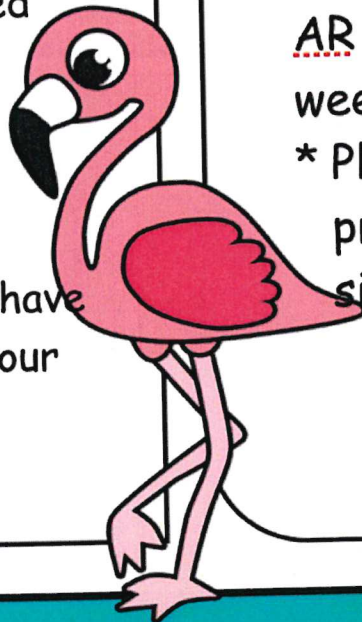
In science we finished up our ocean animal study and are now working on weather.

In social studies we have been learning about our country and the continents.

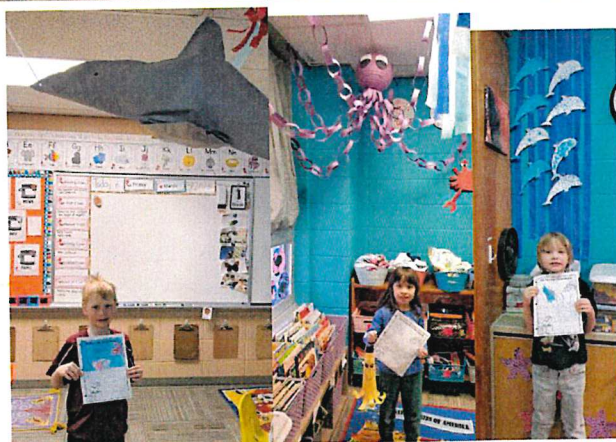


\*Keep reading your AR books each week.

\* Please keep practicing your sight words!



We had so much fun researching ocean animals for reading month!



## May Newsletter

### Learning Targets

- Review Letters A-Z. Decodable readers, Sight words, Writing journals Prompts, Nursery rhymes, and rhyming words.  
Sunday Phonics: Dividing words, blend syllables, segment clap words, beginning letter sounds, ending letter sounds, Math: Number review 0-20, Math journals-addition. Addition & Subtraction Facts.
- Shapes: review rectangle, square, trapezoid, triangle, circle, crescent, heart, star oval, octagon, hexagon, pentagon. Introduce: Semi circle & Pentagon.
- Colors: Review all colors
- S.Studies/Science/Health/Art: Plant parts, Earth/Conservation, group discussion, critical thinking, color recognition & vocabulary.
- Spring & Mother's Day Art
- \*April we enjoyed Coffee with Kids, displayed our Arctic animal silhouette art, Arctic number graphing, and Arctic animal writing activity. Thanks again to the Women's Auxiliary for our April book donations.









This month my classmates and I did a lot of things, and I will tell you about it. We had our reading month, and our theme was the jungle. Our class made different jungles, and I made the Amazon rainforest. We had to present our jungles to everyone in the elementary. We did some buddy reads. The high schoolers came down to the gym to do our buddy reading. We did flashlight read and the stuffed animal read. The elementary had some dress up days like nerdy day or sports day. I hope to have a good rest of the semester.

By: Emma (Third Grade)



## Just Speechy by Jodee Trouba

The 2023 Speech season is (almost) at an end. We had an amazing season this year with 10 full-time competitors and 3 part-time competitors. We had great success at invitational meets throughout the season, competing against both Class A and Class B schools. All the kids worked really hard all season long to perfect their speech pieces in preparation for our regional meet which was held in Strasburg on April 10th. We had an amazing day in Strasburg with 4 state qualifying entries and 2nd place overall! State Speech is at Mandan High School on April 29th!

### Region VI Speech Results



Anizye Grode: Region Champion and State qualifying Dramatic Interpretation

Leyna Ferrin: Region Champion and State Qualifying Humorous Interpretation

Bridger Rivinius: Region Champion and State Qualifying Radio Broadcasting

Emily Larson/Judith Jaeger: 2nd Place and State Qualifying Serious Dramatic Duo

Brooke Homola/Judith Jaeger: 3rd Place Humorous Duo

Emily Larson/Mabelyn Metz: 5th Place Humorous Duo

Kyla Lybrand/Lorelei Storbeck: 4th Place Serious Duo

Lorelei Storbeck: 7th Place Dramatic Interpretation

Kyla Lybrand: 4th Place Poetry

Mabelyn Metz: 7th Place Poetry

Brooke Homola 6th Place Humorous

Eli Carlson: 3rd Place Radio Broadcasting and 3rd Place Speech to Inform

# GACKLE-STREETER

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION & FFA NEWS

## Important May Dates:

May 9th: FFA Horse Judging  
Competition @ Fargo

May 10th: Monthly FFA Meeting  
after school

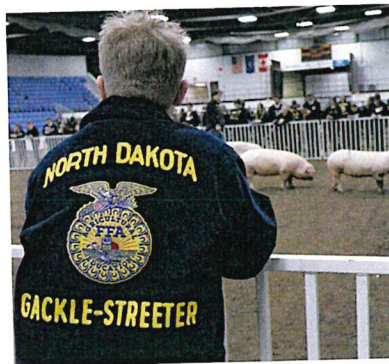
May 15th: Day of Caring

May 18th: District Ag Mech  
Competition @ Edgeley

**Agricultural Education:** There are lots of projects going on in the shop! The Junior High students are building step-stools and have been doing a great job! The horticulture class sold 13 raised garden beds and have been putting in hard work to get those all finished before the end of the school year. The 10th graders are working on an embroidery unit. While the Ag II students have been learning about wildlife.

**Career Spotlight of the Month (April):** Jeff Daughty. Jeff is a civil engineer with Interstate Engineering. He will be coming in to speak with students grades 7-12 about his career and all things leading up to his career.

**FFA:** We had our 60th anniversary awards banquet on April 13th. There was a great crowd, yummy food, and an awesome pie auction! Our organization raised funds for students to be able to travel as well as compete in FFA events. We have a student competing in the state horse judging competition in May, as well as thirteen students competing at State Convention in June. All practices are taking place now to get students prepared and ready for competition.



# Helping Children Learn®

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



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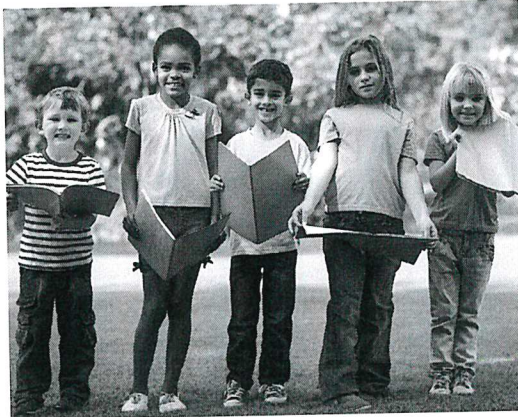
## Enjoy fun times with your child while promoting summer reading

Your child has worked hard to build reading skills, vocabulary and background knowledge this year. At least 30 minutes a day of reading over the summer will help keep those skills from getting rusty.

Encourage a wide variety of reading activities. Include lots that allow you and your child to interact in fun ways—you'll keep your child interested and foster a lifelong love of reading.

To make reading together a daily pleasure for both of you:

- **Take turns.** When you read aloud, read one sentence in a book. Then pass it to your child to read the next. Or you read the narrative, and let your child read what the characters say.
- **Act it out.** Select a simple scene from one of your child's books. Assign character roles. Discuss what happens first, second, next. Then act the story out, adding lots of dialogue.
- **Get practical.** Do ordinary tasks together that involve reading. Ask your child to read directions to you while you drive. Or put your child in charge of reading the instructions while you build or repair something.
- **Share a laugh and some news.** Look for a newspaper with comics, in print or online. Ask your child which one is the funniest. Then discuss sports, the weather, letters to the editor, travel destinations, etc.



## Big task? Take small steps

Is your child tackling a big year-end project? Help your student break it down into smaller pieces by asking questions like: *Will you need to do research? Have you decided what kind of outline to make? Do we have the supplies you'll need to make a poster?* Then have your child schedule the time necessary to complete each step on a calendar. Celebrate as your child checks off each one!

## Listen for science learning

Help your child discover a fun fact about ears with this science experiment:



1. **Have** your child sit with eyes closed and one ear covered.
2. **Tiptoe** around your child while clapping your hands. Can your child point to your location?
3. **Repeat** with both ears uncovered.

Two ears make it easier to pinpoint the direction a sound comes from because the sound reaches the closer ear first.

Source: D. Yuhas, "Sound Science: Where Did That Noise Come From?" *Scientific American*.



## Show your child how useful math is

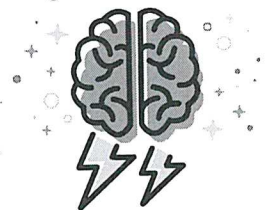
Elementary school math skills are essential life skills your child will rely on for years to come. Involving your child in everyday math activities at home makes it clear just how important these skills are. Have your child help you:

- **Cook a meal.** Put your student in charge of weighing and measuring. Discuss sizes, shapes and fractions. Ask questions, such as "How could we double this recipe?" and "When we add one quarter cup to one quarter cup, what do we get?"
- **Plan a family project.** Painting a room? Involve your child in figuring out how much paint you will need to complete the job.
- **Follow a budget.** How much will your family have to save each week to afford a treat at the end of the month? Together, track your progress on a chart.
- **Relax with games.** Lots of fun games involve math skills. Try dominoes, Uno, Connect Four and Monopoly.

## Try brainstorming activities

Brainstorming is a fun and creative way to come up with ideas and solutions. Your child can brainstorm to figure out a topic for a project, or how to divide complex concepts into bite-sized pieces to learn. Encourage your child to brainstorm by:

- **Making** lists of related words, facts and ideas.
- **Asking** "what if" questions.
- **Observing** and writing down what sights bring to mind.



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

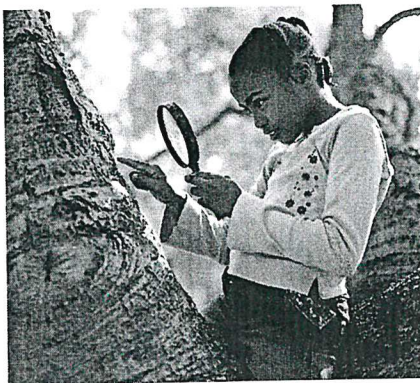
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## How can I bolster learning over the summer?

**Q:** Fourth grade has been a challenging year—my child will pass, but just barely. I don't have money for a tutor. But I know my student needs help or next year will be worse. What can I do over the summer to help my child catch up?

**A:** There are a number of things you can do to help put your child on track for fifth grade, but it's important to start now. Here's how:



- **Meet with your child's teacher** before school lets out to find out exactly where the issues are. If your child is struggling in math, for example, what concepts are difficult? Ask the teacher about resources and strategies to use with your child, and about free programs that may be available over the summer. Together, lay out a learning plan.
- **Eliminate medical factors.** Have your child's vision and hearing tested so you can rule out or address issues.
- **Establish learning goals.** Give your child a say in choosing goals.
- **Set a daily study time** to work on school skills.
- **Have fun exploring and learning together.** Visit museums, historic sites, zoos, and other interesting places near your home. Attend a free concert. Go on a hike and look for birds or animals, then try to identify them. All these experiences provide a foundation for learning.

## Parent Quiz

### Are you raising a confident reader?

Being a supportive audience when your child reads aloud is an important way to boost motivation and progress. Are you encouraging your child's reading confidence? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

1. **Do you choose** some books at read aloud time that have repetitive letter sounds, words and phrases?
2. **Do you encourage** your child to reread favorite books?
3. **Do you listen** patiently? Avoid frequently interrupting your child with corrections.
4. **Do you give** your child time to decode a word before you supply it?
5. **Do you provide** lots of praise and encouragement when your child reads?

### How well are you doing?

*More yes answers mean you are helping develop your child's skills and motivation to read. For each no, try that idea.*

"The journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page."  
—Rachel Anders

## Consider community service

This summer, consider adding volunteer activities to your family's plans. Volunteering in the community teaches children they can make a difference. They learn about responsibility, compassion and more. Your family might help:

- **Remove** litter from a favorite local park or waterway.
- **Construct** or repair a home for someone in need. Look for an organization that allows children to help when they have family supervision.
- **Collect** supplies for a food bank or shelter. Your child may be able to sort food or fill bags with toiletries.
- **Raise** awareness for a charity working on a cause that matters to your child.

## Issue a learning challenge

For students, summer usually means less stress and more free time.

So it's a great time to challenge your child to experiment with subjects and skills that may be out of the comfort zone.

A child who has never felt like an athlete could try a new sport. An active child might learn to play an instrument. Trying and mastering hard things is how children learn.



## Conduct a year-end review

Before the school year ends, help your child review how things have gone and make plans for the future. Together, discuss:

- **The best parts.** What was your child's favorite project? Most improved subject?
- **Successes.** How did your child overcome obstacles? How did effort pay off?
- **Goals.** What does your child want to accomplish this summer? Next year?

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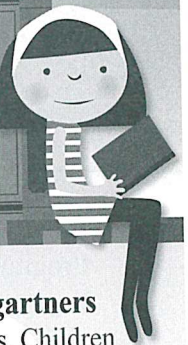
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## **Reading Skills Program for Entering 1st Graders**

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read more independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

## **Reading Skills Program for Entering 2nd Graders**

In this fun summer program, your child will become a more confident fluent reader. Children build phonics and word-attack skills and develop reading fluency and comprehension. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

## **Reading Skills Program for Entering 3rd Graders**

In this fun summer program, your child will become a stronger, more enthusiastic reader. Children improve reading fluency and develop comprehension skills. They build long-word decoding skills and expand their vocabulary. Your child will gain confidence, develop a lifelong love of books and reading, and get off to a great start in third grade.

## **Reading and Writing Skills Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders**

In these fun single-grade programs, your child will become a more skilled, confident reader with stronger comprehension skills in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. Students expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly. They learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. As a result, your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, and enjoy reading more.

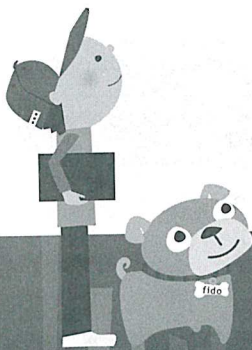
## **Reading and Writing Skills Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Graders**

In these single-grade programs, your son or daughter will make gains in comprehending fiction and nonfiction and will learn to read more quickly. Students expand their vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes. They learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. As a result, your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, and build confidence as a reader.

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– Parent of kindergartner

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– Parent of 1st grader

“Online teaching is a special set of skills, and your teachers are spot on!”

– Parent of 2nd grader

“Allison loved doing the long-word decoding lessons. Her reading skills have improved tremendously, and she is reading more challenging chapter books.”

– Parent of 3rd grader

“The teacher was phenomenal! She kept students engaged and participating, and my child was more excited about reading as the weeks went on.”

– Parent of 4th grader

“Patrick’s comprehension has really improved, and he loved the books. I’ve recommended this to other parents.”

– Parent of 5th grader

“The lessons were fun and easy to follow. It is much easier for me to study and take notes now. I don’t put off studying until the last day because I know I can get through it fast.”

– 7th-grade student

“I liked tracking my reading speed and seeing it go up from week to week. I used to not like to read because it was too time-consuming, but now it’s easier to finish.”

– 9th-grade student

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