



Hello Reader,

I am feeling invigorated that I've completed 36 blog posts over the first two months of school. Woo woo, I'm doing my happy dance! I am about a fifth of the way to achieving my goal of blogging every day of the school year. What are some of the other benefits?

- Practicing the craft of writing.
- Researching new topics and new perspectives on previously written topics.
- Investigating the strategic art of blogging, and as such learning new skills and resources.
- Engaging in deeper discussions with my webmaster about SEO, marketing, and repurposing.
- Purposefully filling my day and month with routine.

As many of you know I have 40 children's stories in my writing stable plus over a hundred poems and two business parables, however, it wasn't until I engaged in my intense blogging projects that I really donned the identity of a writer. The commitment to regular practice and publicly sharing has built my confidence.

What have I written about over the past eight weeks? Take a look at the weekly themes:

## Week 1 - Optimism & Dinner Time

- 1). [Happy New School Year! Buckle up!](#)
- 2). [Get a BIG Bag of Glamour-infused Fairy Dust!](#)
- 3). [Foundational Practice for Families: Dinner time.... A Family that Eats Together Stays Together](#)
- 4). [Yes, You are What You Eat! ... So Take the Time to Think About the Quality of What You Consume](#)



## Week 2 - Healthy Habits...eating, drinking, and organizing

- 1). [Breakfast: is for Champions... Don't start the day 'hangry'!](#)
- 2). [Lunch and Snacks](#)
- 3). ["What, a pop a day is too much?" asked Dazzle.... Drink water!](#)
- 4). [Frere Jacques, Frere Jacques, Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?](#)
- 5). [What Essential Stress Relieving Life Skills Did You Learn in Kindergarten?... SORTING and CLASSIFYING](#)

## Week 3 - Collaboration

- 1). [How to Avoid Being a Mommy Martyr or Parental Scapegoat](#)
- 2). [How to Teach Children Money Management?](#)
- 3). [Incentives in the Classroom](#)
- 4). [Ultimately... Parents, Teachers, Grandparents, or Managers Want to be Multipliers!](#)

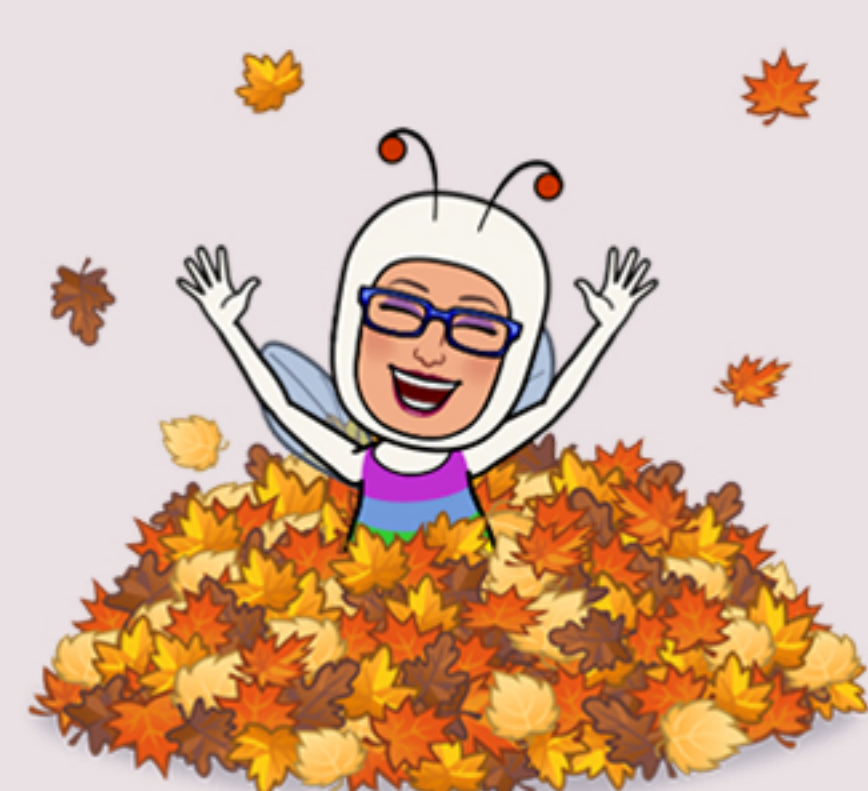


## Week 4 - Communication

- 1). [Perception is Reality. Choose Wisely!](#)
- 2). [Words Can Hurt - Part 1](#)
- 3). [Words Can Hurt - Part 2](#)
- 4). [Bedtime is a Great Nonthreatening Communication Time](#)

## Week 5 - Dinner time conversation: Day of the week themes

- 1). [Have Fun with Dinner Conversation: Theme it!](#)
- 2). [Terrible or Terrific Tuesdays?](#)
- 3). [Wondering Wednesdays](#)
- 4). [Thankful Thursday](#)
- 5). [Family Friday](#)

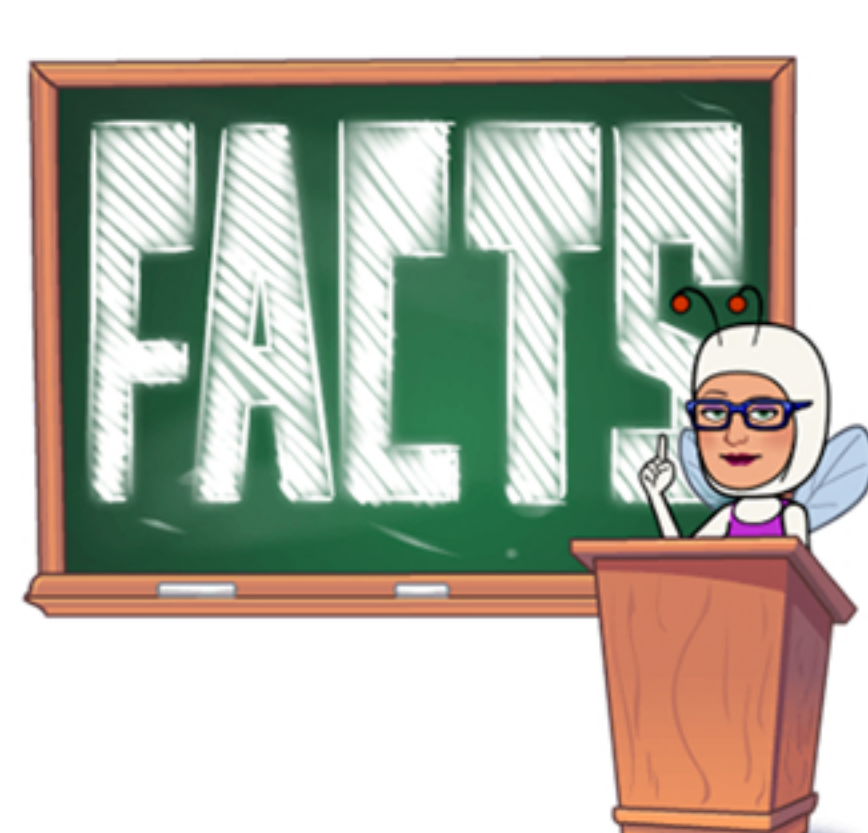


## Week 6 - Fall...Giving thanks

- 1). [Collaborative Communication Takes Practice](#)
- 2). [Rejoice, It's Fall!](#)
- 3). [Make the Thanksgiving Hangover Thanksgiving Reflection](#)
- 4). [October: A Month with No End to Inspiration](#)

## Week 7 - Rain

- 1). [Rain, Rain Go Away! Or Maybe Not... Sprinkle the Glamour!](#)
- 2). [Rain! A Perfect Time to Snuggle Up with a Good Book!](#)
- 3). [Rainy Days with Children in Tow can be Daunting... Why Not Read!](#)
- 4). [Writing Resilience in the Face of Driving Rain](#)
- 5). [Rain? Be Creative! Don't Worry About Making a Mess and Think Outside of the Box](#)



## Week 8 - Applications of The Great Leadership Reset Forum to parenting and teaching

- 1). [Who's the Most Influential Person? You! We are all Change Masters!](#)
- 2). [Have You Ever Considered Ultimately All Our Possessions are Garbage?](#)
- 3). [What Critical Emotional Intelligence Skill Must WE Develop in Our Children? Empathy](#)
- 4). [Are YOU Ready to let Minute Mindful Moments Magically Move Mountains?](#)
- 5). [How Do You Perceive the World? Half-Empty? Half-Full? Or Just Happy There's a Glass \(Carine Clarke\)?](#)

## Dear Dazzle

I invite people to comment or ask questions or offer topics that you would like me to research and blog about. Just send me an email at [mcfairy@telus.net](mailto:mcfairy@telus.net). I promise you I will not share your email address. Also, let me know if you prefer that your name not be mentioned in the blog. I will only respond to your email. I will not assume that because you emailed me that you would want to get the newsletter sent, as such I ask that you separately sign up for the newsletter if you are interested. There are benefits to signing up as your name will be entered into a monthly draw for one of my books which I will send out along with an additional wee fairy surprise.

While teaching for a number of years I would start the day with a motivational song. I could be current or a blast from the past. In addition to writing stories with rich vocabulary, I'm interested in finding and using new interesting words. Consequently, in the interest of listening to and promoting motivating music and engaging vocabulary, monthly I will be offering a song of the month and a word of the month. I am happy to accept your suggestions for either. Let's expand our horizons with a jingle to our jam!

## Song of the Month

I know I have previously mentioned this song in a blog and I can't help but share it again as it highlights what I think we all need to be to each other.



## Word of the Month

I am getting tired of the word 'amazing' (and awesome for that matter). Both are two of the most overused words in our 21 century. So, why don't we use:

### Stupendous -

*adjective*  
Extremely impressive.  
"a stupendous display of technique"

And, if you get bored with stupendous why not try: *astounding, astounding, surprising, stunning, remarkable, and breath-taking*