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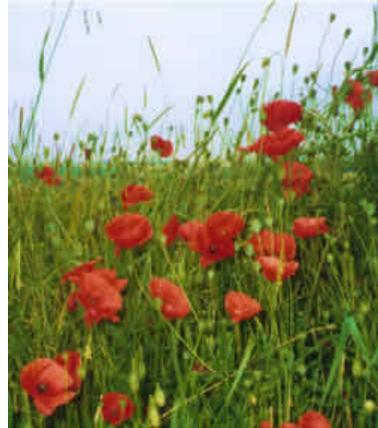
## IN FLANDERS FIELDS

by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep,  
though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



Students look forward to having November 11th as a school holiday.  
Review with them the reason for having this day as a holiday.

What are we remembering?

Why was this poem written?

Remember to thank a soldier you know for his contribution for our freedom.

*“Memory is a skill that needs to be developed with  
Practice, practice, practice!”*

A letter from our Founder and Director, Hellen Codling:

## Getting Started



It is wonderful to see students and schools getting started in the "Mastery is the Key" techniques.

While at the Poplar River school for a week, I enjoyed seeing the enthusiasm of the students who were beginning the mastery techniques which are the foundation for achieving academic success. The techniques were taught to each class. Although there is a structure for these techniques, each class could initiate variety as they worked through them. In the younger grades students would need to work as a team as they established routines and learned each motif in Motif Writing. Older students were soon doing their own page as soon as they came into the classroom before going on to write their alphabet and Key Sounds sentences and tests.

Emphasis during the week was for students to earn their PINK Certificates in Key Sounds.

Each morning students who achieved this goal had their name read over the intercom during the announcements. Each day the list got longer and longer.

Enthusiasm grew ! Encouragement grew. Excitement grew!

Again, MASTERY is the KEY to academic success and achievement!

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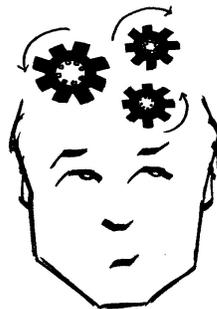
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Oral Recitation  
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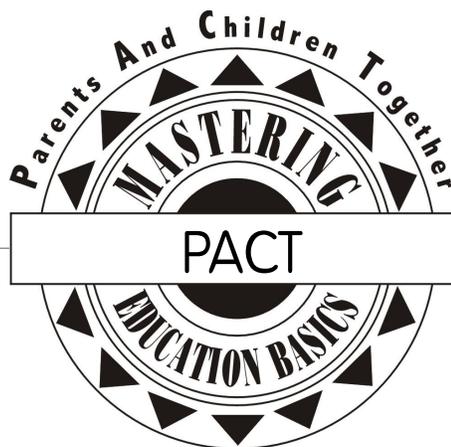
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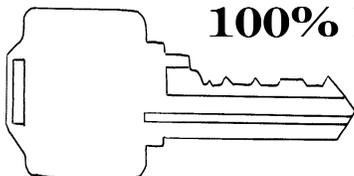
- **10 - 15% of what you see and read.**
- **20 - 25% of what you hear.**
- **30 - 40% of what you see and hear.**
- **80 - 90% of what you teach and tell.**



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**100% MASTERY IS THE KEY!**