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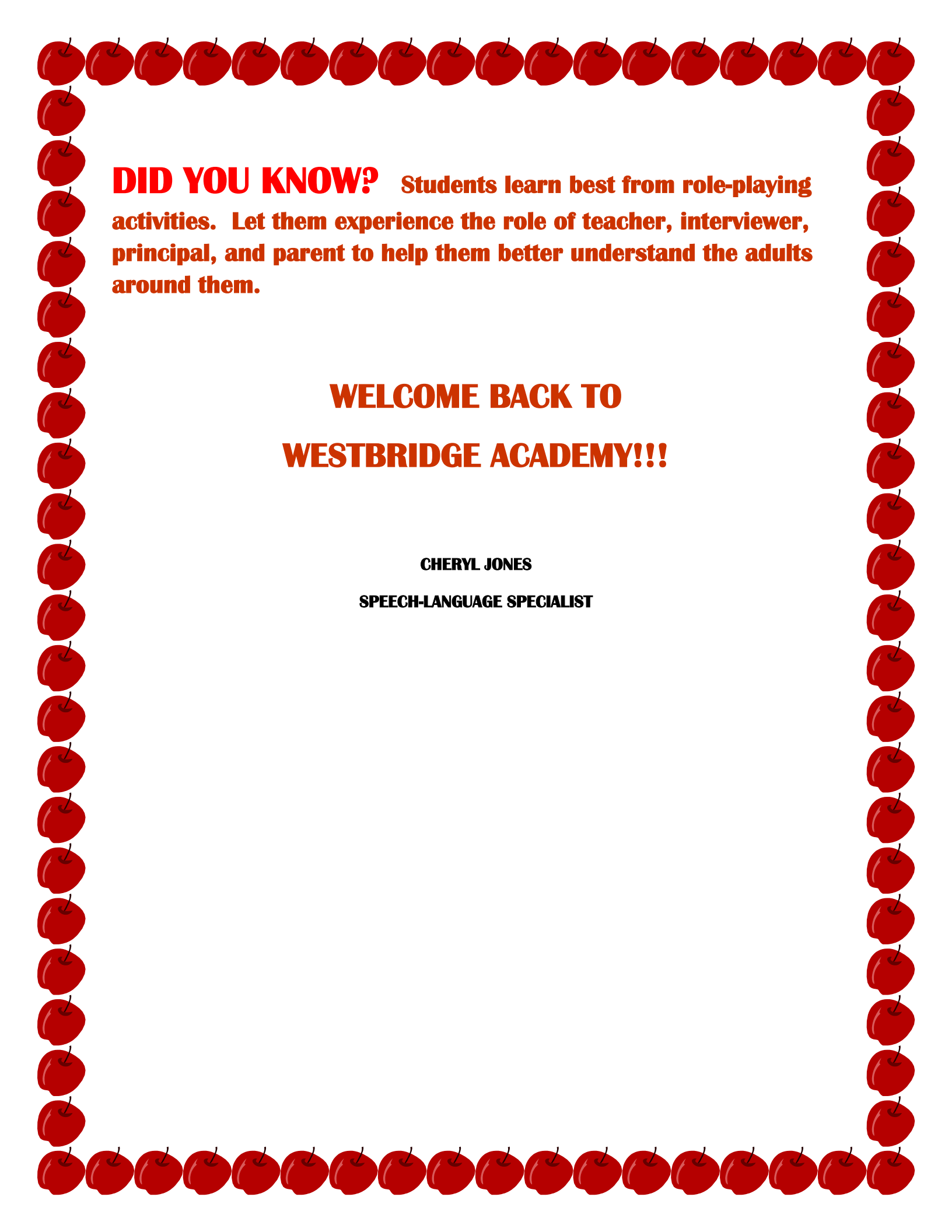
THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: SURVIVAL LANGUAGE

The beginning of the school year is the best time to assess a student's ability to use language effectively in order to function in daily life.

These skills are key to living and working independently in the future. To be successful a student must have certain language skills to communicate in the following areas: the home, the classroom, the community, the workplace and other places where people gather socially.

Does the student have the ability to read street signs, tell time, read labels on prescription bottles, fill out a job application correctly, buy clothing or goods at a store, read a bus schedule or map, call for help using a phone, and open a bank account? These life skills are just as important as being able to complete a math quiz or write a book report.

We must put ourselves in the student's life for a day to see what language skills he must obtain to best function on a daily basis. Are his social skills at meal time poor? Does he have difficulty finding the right words to make and keep friends? Does he lack the ability to ask questions during class in order to get his work done? Does he fail to express his feelings due to poor vocabulary? Each student must be assessed individually and any areas of weakness must be addressed to ensure a successful and productive life for the student.



DID YOU KNOW? Students learn best from role-playing activities. Let them experience the role of teacher, interviewer, principal, and parent to help them better understand the adults around them.

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