



# 7Cs VIEWSLETTER

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## What's Inside

Families can learn how to use <https://Quantiles.com> to engage children. See featured story on page 6.

The 7Cs Viewsletter is **packed** with information.

- Page 2 shares Views of President & VP of 7Cs
- Page 3 includes Views of CEO and Resources
  - He invites you to learn more about Lexile and Quantile Measures
  - He presents the 7Cs with the Triangle Model
  - He shows how <https://Quantiles.com> can be used to build Literacy, Numeracy and other "Cs" in 7Cs
  - He offers a 45-minute free consultation for families using the "Book Appointment" feature at <https://7CsAcademy.org> to use these tools
  - He recommends a 1936 movie for the family
- Page 4 shares the 7Cs Story and connects it to Pasteur's Quadrant
- Page 5 invites families to explore more and shares our Vision for Analytics in Education
- Page 6 shares a nice story in this COVID-19 era. **Book** your time!



Board of Directors and CEO during Retreat on January 4, 2020

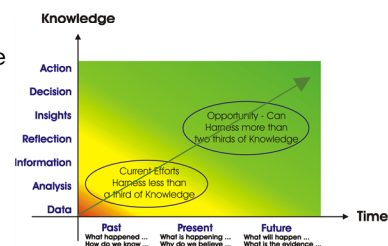
(L to R: CEO, Dr. Nathan Balasubramanian; Treasurer, Doyle Valdez; Secretary, Edward Mungia; President, Mrs. Angelina Osteguín; Vice President, Elda Flores; Director, Edward Mayberry)

## Thriving in the Age of COVID-19

"You young men and women, doctors and scientists of the future. Do not let yourself be tainted by apparent skepticism, nor discouraged by the sadness of certain hours that creep over nations . . . Until the time comes, when you may have the immense happiness of thinking that you have contributed in some way to the welfare and progress of humankind" - *Louis Pasteur in 1936 movie.*

## Resources

- Movie is FREE on Amazon Prime
- FREE Lexile & Quantile Tools
- Engage with your child's learning & use FREE 45-minute session
- Help your child become an avid learner with 7Cs Core Principles
- Check out videos and stories online at 7Cs In The News
- Learn 'Our Story' on pages 4-5



(See page 5 for details)

## From President Osteguín's Desk

*"The greatest compassion is the prevention of human suffering through patience, alertness, courage and kindness"* - Amit Ray,  
**Walking the Path of Compassion**

In these crazy times of the COVID-19 Outbreak I have learned as a mom that there will always be things beyond my control. I cannot control how long we must stay-at-home. I cannot control that my kids are not in their normal routine of going to school.

What I can control are my feelings of anxiety, desperation, hopelessness and what I do with my time. Spring cleaning is in full mode. I've set realistic goals for which rooms need tackling first, so I don't overwhelm myself. I surround myself with positive news, uplifting music, and I read self-help books or pleasure books to relax. I have also organized my kitchen cabinets and found stuff I had forgotten I had and removed items I no longer have use for.

Moving to my children's education . . . I will share one story. When it comes to books and using the Lexile score for my 6th grade daughter, using the website <https://Quantiles.com> has helped me in selecting books for her. My 6th grader is fond of the science fiction, fantasy, mystery and suspense categories with thriller as a subcategory. Based on her author or title selection, I check to see if is available in Audible or through certain free Apps. Sometimes, I purchase through Amazon.

I will close with what I started. I know we will get through craziness. I want you also to be patient, alert, courageous, and kind. Take care of yourself. Make time to connect with your children. Use all available free resources. We will come out stronger on the other side of the COVID-19 outbreak.



President Osteguín speaking with a parent on 01/30/20, **School Discovery Night**

## From Vice President Flores' Desk

With schools closed through the end of the academic year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and if schools do open by next fall, then students will be out for five and a half months and most of them will have learned predominantly online. Technology is good, however, there needs to be a balance in a child's education.

At this time in our lives, we are faced with many challenges. We are dealing with the stress of staying at home and this means for many not working and keeping your children at home for safety reasons, of course. Education has fallen on the shoulders of parents having to home-school their children.

We can look at this as spending quality time with our families. As parents, we are our child's first teacher. I believe that reading is a very important skill for students to master at the highest level. If a child can **read** and **comprehend** what is read, then the rest of the subjects in school will be easier for your child to master. To search for the right books for your child to read go to <https://Quantiles.com>.

It is important that children enjoy what they read. It can open a whole new world of knowledge, creativity, wonder, imagination, curiosity, and joy.

At **7Cs Academy**, we believe in the education of the Whole Child. Thus, we stress the importance of Character, Competency, Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Creativity, and Citizenship. We believe students will thrive and thus contribute to society by applying their critical thinking skills to help our communities. We want to prepare your child for this ever changing world we now live in.

## From Dr. B's Desk

Schools are the bedrock in every **community**. This is a difficult time for all of us. The coronavirus virus (COVID-19) outbreak has disrupted our normal lives.

In these challenging times, some have claimed that home schooling will set back a generation of children. Others recommend that children must repeat their grade in 2020-2021. We have a different **point of view**.

A good place to begin is to demonstrate **we care** about children and their interests. In our first edition of **7Cs Viewletter**, we share our ideas on how we engage children and their families using FREE tools and resources.

The first resource we will focus is <https://Quantiles.com> Select Quantile Tools in the drop down menu as shown on the right. Select **The Lexile & Quantile Hub**. Below, I describe how you can use the "Math@Home" tool & the "Find a Book" tool as two great resources to begin the personalization.

Feel free to schedule a 45-minute call using the "**Book Appointment**" link on our website to personalize learning for your child/children.

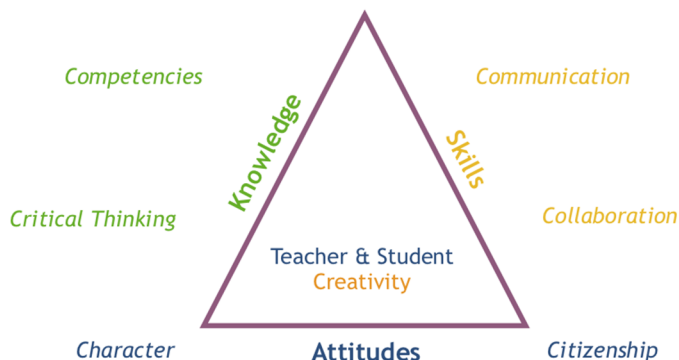
### Use FREE Math@Home Tool

Just like the Lexile Measure, Quantile Measures vary from 0Q to 2000Q. Based on the Quantile Measure of your child, you can identify extensive targeted resources to help your child in math on the different topics.

There are plenty of FREE videos, interactive games, and other resources that are appropriate to your child's Quantile measure.

Educators say the resources are in your child's **zone of proximal development**.

## The Lexile® & Quantile® Hub



### Triangle Model

Triangle Model (shown above) displaying the 7Cs  
 $Attitudes = Character + Citizenship;$   
 $Knowledge = Competencies + Critical thinking;$   
 $Skills = Communication + Collaboration$  with individual Creativity

### Check out **Selected Presentations** of CEO

Click on the hyperlink <https://7csacademy.org/ceo> superintendent to learn more about the **benefits** of knowing your child's **Lexile** and **Quantile Measures**.

**Connect** with your child and **engage** them by finding books and math work that interest them.

**Always work with your child's teachers to maximize your child's success.**

### Use the FREE Find a Book Tool

Lexile Measures vary from BR400L to 2000L. Every child is unique. They have their own interests.

First, you can narrow the selection of what your child reads based on the interest **Categories** of your child. You can choose from (i) Animals, Bugs & Pets; (ii) Art, Creativity, & Music; (iii) Fiction, Non-fiction, & Poetry; (iv) Hobbies, Sports, & Outdoors; (v) Science Fiction & Fantasy; (vi) Real Life; (vii) Science & Technology; (viii) Mystery & Suspense; to (ix) Reference.

Second, you can then further filter by numerous **Subcategories** that interest your child/children.

Third, you may have access to a local library to read the EBooks, Watch Movies, Listen to Audio Books for FREE. You can also access more resources through **TexShare Databases**.



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Examine <https://7CsAcademy.org>

1. You know the 7Cs **Triangle Model**. Individual **Creativity** along with two sides of the 7Cs **Knowledge Coin** - **Competencies** and **Critical Thinking**; two sides of the 7Cs **Skills Coin** - **Communication** and **Collaboration**; and two sides of the 7Cs **Attitudes Coin** - **Character** and **Citizenship**.

2. 7Cs started as the **Designing Learning Model** in 2005. This model accelerates learning for every child. Children make two or more years of academic growth in one semester. Designing Learning is based on cognitive and neuroscience research.

3. 7Cs Triangle Model and the Designing Learning Model thrive in **Pasteur's Quadrant**. Pasteur's Quadrant combines two elements: research AND use. I like this quote of Louis Pasteur: "*When I approach a child, she or he inspires in me two sentiments; (i) tenderness for what she or he is; and (ii) respect for what she or he may become.*"

4. The movie **The Story of Louis Pasteur** beautifully shows the struggles of Pasteur and how he proves to skeptical doctors that microbes are the cause of all disease. I highly recommend you see this movie with your children. It is timely and free on **Amazon Prime**.

5. **Neils Bohr** and **Albert Einstein** were research focused. To give you an idea of these two great minds, here is an interesting exchange between them.  
*Einstein to Bohr - God does not play dice.*  
*Bohr - Einstein, stop telling God what to do.*



Board of Directors and CEO at 3rd Community Meeting on January 11, 2020

## Designing Learning Model & 7Cs Triangle Model Thrive in Pasteur's Quadrant

<b>BOHR's Quadrant</b> (Research-Focused)	<b>PASTEUR's Quadrant</b> (Research AND Use-Focused)
<b>WASTE Quadrant</b> (No Research AND No Use)	<b>EDISON's Quadrant</b> (Use-Focused)

Our Logo (top left) shows both **7CsThrive** and **7Cs Academy**.  
**7CsThrive** is the District (Sponsoring Entity) and  
**7Cs Academy** is schools within the District.

**Our Vision at 7CsThrive is to develop socially responsible citizens.**



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Enjoy <https://7CsAcademy.org>

6. We know about the inventions of a compulsive tinkerer **Thomas Edison**, including the Light Bulb and Movie Camera. He was use focused. I like this quote from Edison: *"What a human mind can create, our character can control."*

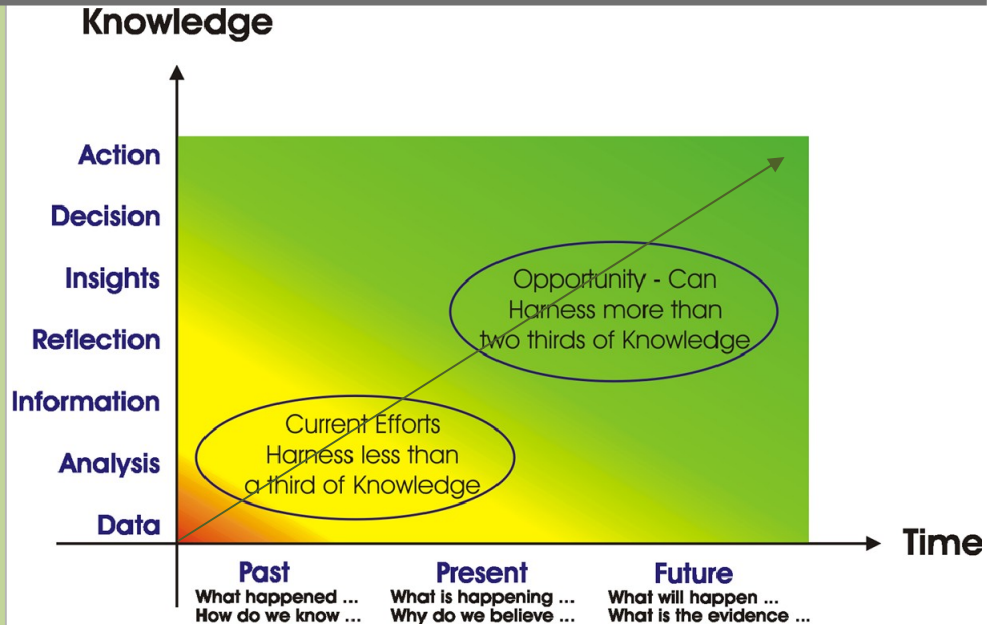
7. The fourth quadrant (page 2) is what I call the **WASTE quadrant**. Our goal in 7Cs Academy is to eliminate all nine WASTES. I remember the wastes with the acronym TIM K WOODS: **T**ransportation, **I**nventory, **M**otion, **K**nowledge, **W**aiting, **O**ver Processing, **O**ver Production, **D**efects, and **S**taff.

8. We also want you to know **Our Story** on where we are in the Charter Application process. Please check out the hyperlink <https://7csacademy.org/about> to learn more.

9. Until the coronavirus (COVID -19) outbreak, we were regularly visiting families face-to-face. In the process, we established a print and social media presence. Check the videos by visiting the hyperlink <https://7csacademy.org/in-the-news> here.

10. Please enjoy a review of the 7Cs **Core Principles** Online. Also reflect on the points of view of the 7Cs **Board of Directors, Students,** and **Parents** that are presented on pages 2 and 6.

Join us on **our mission** to inspire every child to think critically, solve problems, and seek to improve their communities through **Whole Child Education**.



## Dr. B's Vision for Analytics in Education

Dr. B believes we have compelling evidence (data) on student learning to improve public education.

For varied reasons, the current reality is that the data 'baby' is thrown out with plenty of actionable 'bath water,' particularly by his fellow EDUCATORS.

'DRIP' and 'DRAPE' are the main culprits. 'DRIP' stands for Data Rich & Information Poor. 'DRAPE' refers to Data Rich & Action Poor Educators.

Dr. B & the Board of Directors of **7CsThrive** are determined to stop this 'data' waste and transform public education with ACTIONABLE "knowledge" to move schools from the red zone to the green zone.

600L to 750L . . . that's where I initially placed **Tatum** on our call a few weeks ago when Tatum, her parents, & I spoke.

Tatum is a **2nd grader** but she is already reading and enjoying a book at the **7th grade level** in the Lexile range 975L - 1025L. Here's an excerpt from our conversation.

**Dr. B:** Tatum, do you like Animals, Bugs, & Pets?

**Tatum:** I love Animals, Bugs & Pets.

**Dr. B:** Nice, you like reading about . . .

**Tatum:** Yes, Sir. . . I love Hobbies, Sports, and Outdoors

**Dr. B:** We went down the list on page 3 of this Viewsletter.

**Tatum:** I want to be a "wildlife photographer" when I grow up.

**Dr. B:** I'm impressed.

**Tatum:** So many books. Cool!

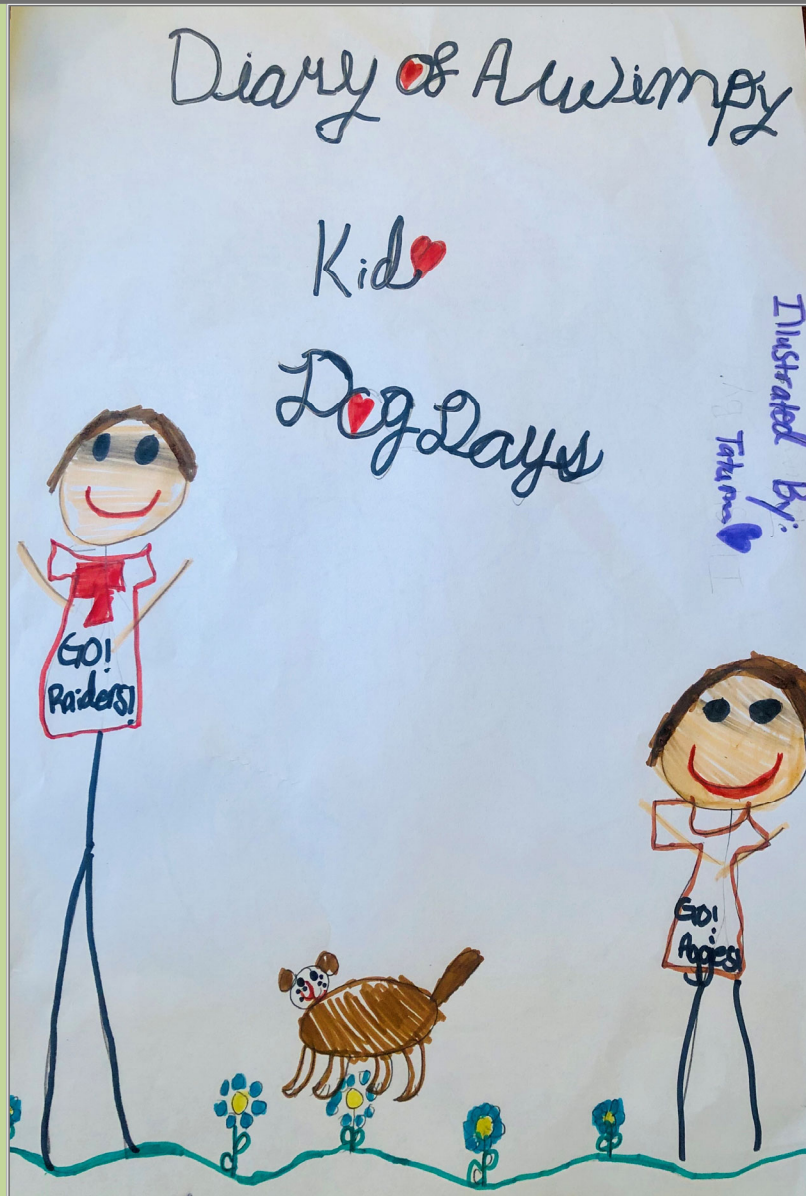
**Dr. B:** Let's switch to Math@Home tool now.

. . .

**Tatum's Dad:** This is really a great resource! We'll pass the message along to people we know . . .

Examining this picture with a lens of <https://Quantiles.com> I know Tatum, the 2nd grader, has read successfully over 200 pages in this book at the Lexile level 1010L.

Let's keep your child growing & thriving too, like Tatum! Use the **Book Appointment** link at <https://7CsAcademy.org> to schedule time to learn how.



Brilliant thinking of 7-year old, Tatum, shown above