


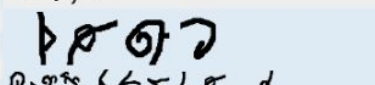
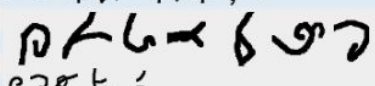
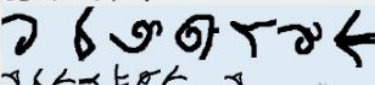
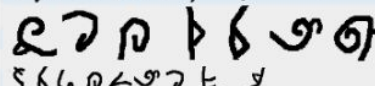
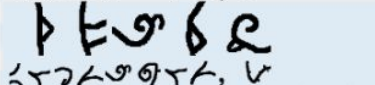
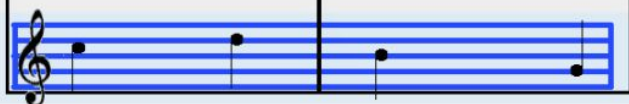
Gradebook Puzzle Solution

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Student Grades

The answer to this puzzle is an object you could easily find within a school

Student (Walter Payton College Preparatory High School)

Course	Cycle 1	Semester 1	Cycle 3	Semester 2
	ershi	ershier	shiwu	shiba
	$2x+5=23$	$x-5=8$	$5x=125$	$24/x=2$
	Z	W	N	S
	End	of	Civil	War
	Na	S	Sc	Ne
				

Step one: Decoding the symbols

Notice that the left column is called “course,” which means that the symbols on the left, when decoded, are the names of courses. Under each course name, there are additional symbols that are the names of the teachers that teach those courses. To help decode these courses, the right side of this puzzle contains some hints. The first class is Chinese, taught by Louis Wu. The second class is Math, taught by Bryon Espinoza. The third class is English, taught by Jason Chau. The fourth class is History, taught by Vincent Vinluan. The fifth class is Chemistry, taught by Donna Figenshu. The sixth class is Music, taught by Kate Johnston. Keep note of which symbols correspond to which letters.

Step two: Decoding the grades

Every grade corresponds to a letter. For the Chinese row, use pinyin to decode the letters. For example, “Ershi” is the pinyin representation of 20, and the 20th letter in the alphabet is T. For the chemistry row, use the numbers of the elements on the periodic table. For the music row, use the note as the letter. For the history row, use the numbers of 1865, the end of the Civil War. You should get the following:

T	V	O	R
I	M	Y	L
Z	W	N	S

A	I	F	E
K	P	U	J
C	D	B	G

Step three: Draw the symbols

Each letter corresponds to a symbol. Draw the symbols you found on top of the grades. You should get the following:



The answer is DESK.