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Tuesday, September 22nd marks the autumn **equinox** – from the Latin *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). Night and day are approximately equally long on this day because the Earth – though still tilted on its normal axis - is inclined neither away from nor towards the Sun (which is shining directly overhead at the Equator)

Easy as 1234!

The Earth (rated the #1 planet to live on *again* in 2009) is tilted on a 23.4 degree axis!

“aequus” is rocking out with two consecutive “U”s. There are only two common English words that share this trait – can you name them?



International Day of Peace

Monday, September 21st

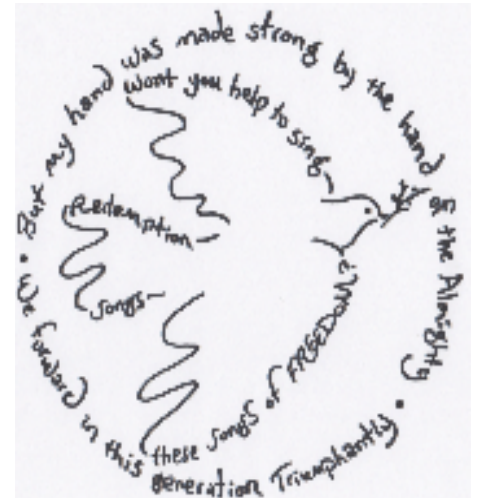
Try putting one of these peace quotes into a visual poem like the one pictured here

“Peace is every step.”
-- Thich Nhat Hahn

“Peace begins with a smile.”
-- Mother Teresa

“If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart.” -- Lao Tzu

“Peace is always beautiful.”
-- Walt Whitman



from “Redemption Song” by Bob Marley. Dove by Pablo Picasso.

Friday is the birthday of **Shel Silverstein!** Even after his death ten years ago his creativity lives on!

