



5th Grade Times

Conference Time is Coming!

Conferences this year will be held with both the math and reading teachers on Wednesday November 11th and Thursday, November 12th. We sent home a form to confirm conference times. We will start with parent conferences on November 11–12. Students will be released early on both days. Please check your child's conference sheet that was sent home to verify your appointment. We have tried to accommodate parents' schedules, but if you can not make the assigned conference time, please call your child's teacher to reschedule.



It's Thanksgiving Time!

- The beginning of November brings the start of the second quarter as well as daylight savings time on Sunday, November 1st.
- Applications for Roberto Clemente MS and the Middle School Magnet Consortium are due Monday, November 9th. Also, please remember to turn in your teacher recommendation forms in the next couple of weeks!!
- The 1st quarter awards assembly will be held on Friday, November 13th at 9:30am. Please try to attend if possible, your child has worked extremely hard this quarter.
- Please remember to check your child's behavior daily in the assignment book. We appreciate your support in reinforcing positive behavior.
- The weather is changing; please have your child dress appropriately to come to school.

Look who stayed on green all month...

Each of the students below stayed on green throughout the entire month of October and received a prize from our counselor, Mrs. Recks.

- Mrs. Kerr's Class- Eric Diop
- Mrs. Doyle's Class-Kevin Paliza
- Miss Swick's Class-Melody Baghdoust

Congratulations to all other fifth graders who stayed on green in October. Let's keep up the hard work!!

November 2009

Important Dates:

- ☺ Nov. 9th Roberto Clemente forms due to teachers
- ☺ Nov. 11th Report cards go home
- ☺ Nov. 11-12 Early Release for Conferences
- ☺ Nov. 18th Dine out with PTA
- ☺ Nov. 25–1/2 day for students.
- ☺ Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving...schools closed

Reading:

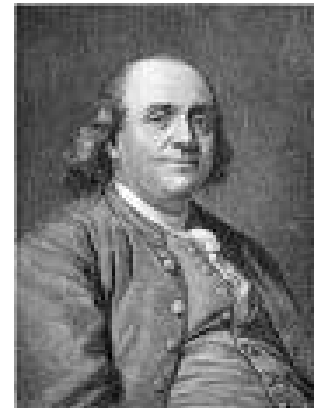
The new marking period has begun! This month student will focus on reading to be informed. Students will identify text features, organizational text structures, main ideas and supporting details in informational text. There are many types of text that fall into this category: newspapers, magazines, biographies, autobiographies, cookbooks, how-to books, and non-fiction texts about any subject. Have your child practice using context clues to determine words they are unfamiliar with in these types of texts. This month students will practice using analogies, finding connotations and denotations of vocabulary words. Towards the end of the month we will begin our study on poetry.



Every child needs to be reading for at least 30 minutes a night. To help students accomplish this goal, we are offering an incentive through Pizza Hut. Goshen is joining "Book It," which is a reading incentive program sponsored by Pizza Hut. Simply color the attached calendar with the days your child read for 30 minutes. Students will return the calendars at the end of the month to homeroom teachers and receive their certificate for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. The program runs until the end of March. Happy Reading and enjoy your free pizza! Since we are participating in this new program, use the we will no longer be sending your child home with a *Take Home Reader Log*, rather we will send them with a *Reader Calendar*. Ask your child to explain the details!

Social Studies:

In social studies we will be studying the growing tensions between the American Colonies and Great Britain. The students will learn about famous Patriots and Loyalists such as Benjamin Franklin and Mercy Otis Warren. Your child will become a character and participate in a debate between Loyalists and Patriots.



Our next Science Unit is Electricity and Magnetism

Currently the fifth graders are studying about electricity. The students investigate static electricity and its effects on other materials, and then compare it to lightning. Through scientific inquiry, the students discover ways to make a circuit which will light a bulb. Following diagramed circuits, they will build their own electric circuits including parallel and series circuits. Then, the students will design and build circuit testers and use them to determine if a material is a conductor or an insulator.

Enduring Understandings;

- Forces can act on an object without anything touching the object.
- Electricity requires a closed loop of conducting materials to produce measurable effects.



Writing

During the month of November, students will be learning how to focus on a topic to narrow it into a manageable piece of writing. They will then take the writing and learn how to explode the details using vivid verbs, lots of interesting details and by creating an environment in their written work using the senses. Students will focus on rewriting their writing to make it engaging to the reader.



Math 5-Unit 2-Plane Geometry

Throughout the month of November students will begin working on Unit two. Students will learn how to measure and label angles, construct geometric figures, classify two and three dimensional figures and use protractors to measure angles. The unit assessment will be given on November 24th.

Math 6 - Unit 2 Fractions, Decimals, and Percents

Students will continue their second unit of study in the month of November. Throughout October students began developing their understanding of decimals and operations involving decimals. In November students will extend their knowledge to fractions and percents and begin looking at how decimals, fractions, and percents are interchangeable representations. Students will focus on these concepts in real world situations where they will apply their knowledge.

Please make sure you are continuing to review your child's homework with him/her nightly. Also, review any quizzes as all concepts taught in class will be on the unit test. Finally, many students still do not know their multiplication facts. Please make it a priority to study these for a few minutes each day. The hard work will pay off!!!



Thank you to all parents who helped out at the Halloween Party! The kids had a blast!