



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 will be sending home a form to confirm conference times.

BOO! It's Halloween Time!

Halloween is quickly approaching and your child is likely very excited to wear his or her costume to school. However, **THEY MAY NOT WEAR COSTUMES TO SCHOOL.** Here are a few friendly reminders that will help this process work smoothly. **Please have your child bring their Halloween costume with them to school in a bag. Keep in mind the 'no weapons' rule at Goshen still applies.** Your child will have *approximately 15 minutes* after recess to change into their costume before the Halloween parade begins. Following the parade, students will join together in the All Purpose Room for our Halloween Party. **Please join us for a meeting on October 14th at 3:45 if you would like to be a part of the Halloween Party Planning Committee.**

Look who stayed on green all month...

The students below won our monthly "all green" drawing. Each of these students stayed on green throughout the entire month of September and received a prize from Mrs. Recks.

- Mrs. Kerr's Class- Michelle Masis
- Mrs. Doyle's Class-Mansu Shrestha
- Miss Swick's Class- Deandre Lee

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

October 2009

Important Dates:

- ☺ Oct. 8-Goshen Grizzly Academy Begins
- ☺ Oct. 12-Open House
- ☺ Oct. 13- Individual Pictures and Clemente Information Assembly for Students 9:30
- ☺ Oct. 14-Halloween Party Planning Committee Meeting 3:45
- ☺ Oct. 15- Flu Mist Clinic for Students
- ☺ Oct. 16- No School
- ☺ Oct 30- End of first marking period. Walk for the Homeless and Halloween parties and parade



Reading:

This first quarter fifth graders are reading for literary experience. We are working on strategies to help us better comprehend literary texts and focusing on the genre, historical fiction. Ask your child, "What is historical fiction?" They should be able to tell you. Within our genre study we have been determining elements and theme of a story.



Also, during October we will be studying informational text. Students will be able to identify text features and the organizational text structure (description, sequence, cause and effect, problem and solution, compare and contrast) of an informational text. Read the newspaper with your child and ask them to identify the text features or the organizational text structure!

Literature circles have begun! Literature circles are a great way to have your child extend their learning and focus on higher level thinking skills. Your child might be bringing home their literature circle book to complete their role from time to time. All literature circles will take place in reading on Fridays.

Please have your child read for 30 minutes each night and record their reading in their "Take Home Readers Log." We will be checking for your 3 signatures every Friday. Students are also responsible for completing a reading response each week. You can find suggested response questions in your child's reading section of their binder. Their weekly reading response is due each Thursday.

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. Also, we will be focusing on the events that lead to the Revolutionary war such as, the Quartering Act, Stamp Act, Boston Massacre, Boston Tea Party and the Intolerable Acts.

Science:

In science students will continue studying the concepts of force and motion. Students will begin investigating the relationship between gravity, friction and motion more closely throughout the month. Ask your child how they know if an object has motion or has changed motion, what causes motion, and how they can describe motion. You won't believe what you hear!!!



Writing

During the month of October, students will be learning how to compose a well crafted story using the 6+1 Traits of writing (ideas, organization, voice, word choice, conventions, sentence fluency and presentation). Students are expected to use what they learn to create an October-themed story. If you have any picture books at home that you would be willing to let us use this month to help model the different parts of a story with an "October" theme, please send them in to your child's homeroom teacher with your name on it. These will be greatly appreciated.



Math 5-Unit 1-Number Theory and Mathematical Relationships

Throughout the month of October students will continue working on Unit one. Students will learn how to identify a numerical pattern, state a rule, represent functional relationships, and graph ordered pairs on a coordinate graph. The first unit assessment will be given on October 20th. This assessment will cover all concepts learned throughout the month of September and October.

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!!!

Math 6 - Unit 2 Fractions, Decimals, and Percents

Students will begin their second unit of study in the month of October. Throughout October students will begin to develop the understanding that fractions, decimals, and percents are three ways to represent the same quantity. They will then extend their knowledge of computation with whole numbers to computation with decimals. Students will use estimation and modeling to solve problems. Metric and customary measurement along with time is also explored throughout the unit to reinforce and give meaning to the concepts.

