



# January Jollies

5th Grade

*Ohhhh, we're halfway there...*

As the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter winds down, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are working hard to finish on a high note. In writing, students will be creating a short informational piece on their own area of expertise. They will be especially focusing on their audience and their purpose for writing. This will help them to decide what to include and what to leave out.

Our science unit will begin with a fresh look at the fascinating world of astronomy. Students will learn about the planets, constellations, and other cool features in the solar system.

The social studies lesson sequence on economics will continue as we use what we learned from our economic games to show how the government responded and there was a call for a stronger national government. We will also be holding our very own

mock Constitutional Convention!

Finally, in reading, students are applying previously learned strategies to better help them understand informational texts. This will include participation in non-fiction literature circles.

### Dates to Remember:

- ✓ 1/5 Chorus Dress Rehearsal
- ✓ 1/7 GeoBee Final
- ✓ 1/14 Neweum
- ✓ 1/17 No School
- ✓ 1/20 Math Day
- ✓ 1/21 2nd marking period ends
- ✓ 1/24 No school for students
- ✓ 2/2 Report cards distributed



### How to help your child become a better student:

One way that you can assist your child at home is to reinforce what it means to study. If your child brings home a math review packet, take the time to show them how to go over each problem until they understand it. This will help prepare them for middle school and beyond.

## Reminders

- Please send your kids to school dressed for the weather...we don't want them to freeze out there!
- Tissues are gladly accepted in all classrooms as the sniffles continue, but hopefully die down.
- Be sure your child has pencils and lined paper to come to school with!