

# Fifth Grade News for February



## Curriculum Update

**Reading:** Students will begin studying the elements of plays. Additionally, they will work on reviewing the elements of non-fiction texts. Towards the end of the month, we will begin a science fiction genre study.

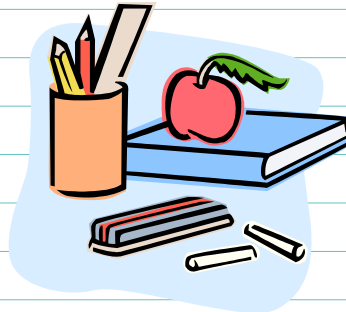
**Writing:** Students have recently completed writing "Expert Essays." Next, they will research a topic and

write a feature article about it.

**Science:** We have begun our unit on astronomy. Major topics include the properties of Earth that support life and causes of the patterns of celestial events that we see from Earth.

**Social Studies:** Students continue to study American history. The focus this quarter will be

western expansion after the revolution.



### Important Dates

Report cards distributed	2/2
Parent Social	2/5
Career Day	2/11
Valentine's Day Party	2/14
No school	2/21
Smith Center field trip	2/25 and 2/28

## Reminders

As the weather continues to get colder, we want to remind students to dress appropriately. It is important that all students wear long pants and long sleeve shirts when they go out to recess. Additionally, they should bring

coats, hats, and gloves to school with them every day.

The Maryland State Assessment in Reading and Math will take place in early March. In order to help students prepare for this test, we encourage

you to review with them every night. They can look over any old math papers they have completed in class, and they can practice any reading strategies that they have learned this year.