

Reading and Writing

In **Writing**, the students are beginning to learn the characteristics of a memoir. We will read examples of different memoir styles together, and, as a final activity, the students will write their own memoirs about their time in elementary school.

In **Reading**, the 5th grade is finishing its genre study of tall tales and legends. The students will read several versions of the same story and compare and contrast them.

They will then work on applying their comprehension skills to non-fiction texts. Special focus will be on how to identify the main idea.



Social Studies and Science

In **Social Studies**, the students are learning about westward expansion. They will read about the various methods of travel that were built to open up the west after the American Revolu-

tion, and they will investigate the hardships of the journey.

In **Science**, students will begin the Cells and Heredity unit. They will use microscopes to identify the differences be-

tween plant and animal cells.



Important Dates

May 10
Patrol Picnic

May 13
5th Grade Picture at 9:30 am

May 16
Interims go home

June 6
Field Day

June 9-10
Williamsburg Trip

June 15
Promotion Ceremony

June 16
Last day of school

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