



# Fifth Grade Focus

## Catch up with us before fall 'leaves'!

As we are almost at the half way point in the first quarter, we are really starting to get underway!

So far this year is going very well and we all agree that we have a great group of kids (but you already knew that).

Just want to remind you of a few things. Please make sure your child is completing his/her spelling work each week. Also please reinforce to your child the importance of editing work (for the weekly prompt). It is a great skill to have and will help them greatly in the future!

### Curriculum

Reading: We are beginning to dive into the historical fiction part of the curriculum. Students are reading a variety of books from different time periods. We are also focusing on organizing what we read in a variety of ways to see the different styles the authors use.

Social Studies: Students are beginning to learn about the French and Indian War. During this month, students will be re-writing a fairy tale and putting it into the time period of the Revolutionary War.

Science: Students are continuing their study of motion and force. We

will be participating in hands-on labs that allow us to experience the concepts.

Writing: We are continuing our writing, based on personal expression and have also begun completing weekly writing prompts. These writing prompts are expected to go through the entire writing process before being turned in.

Also in writing this month, we have begun to compile and create "rules" to make into our own version of The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups.



### October 1, 2009

#### Special points of interest:

- Check to make sure your child is not bringing home items daily that they do not need to carry back and forth from school.
- Keep an eye out for information regarding the fall festivities to come at the end of the month.
- Please contact the fifth grade teachers if you have any questions or concerns!
- As it comes closer to cold and flu season, be sure to have your children wash their hands often. If they are sick, remember that it is better to have them stay home for a day than to send them to school sick!



#### Key dates:

- October 2nd: Early release day (students will be dismissed after lunch)
- October 16th: MSTA convention—no school
- October 30th: 1st marking period ends

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# Organization

MR. OLIVER  
MS. SOUTH  
MRS. MARQUARDT

Primary Business Address  
Your Address Line 2  
Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
E-mail: someone@example.com

***Your business tag line here.***

*This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.*

*It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*

**We're on the Web!**  
**example.com**

## Back Page Story Headline

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This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to

any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the

month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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