



September 30th Fifth Grade Newsletter

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5th Grade News...

Literature Circles

This week students had their second literature circle meeting. Literature circles will meet weekly. Be sure to ask your child what book they are reading! Students should be reading their lit circles at home and at school. You should also see students using post its as they strive to be active readers. Lastly, each student is assigned a weekly role and is responsible for filling out a role sheet. They have a schedule of when their group will be meeting, and what role they have been assigned.



Writer's Workshop...

The fifth grade students have had many opportunities selecting their own topics and writing personal narratives. We have focused on writing watermelon to seed ideas to help them focus on writing in specifics. They will continue to build and refine these skills through their writing. Their writing will reflect the 6 + 1 traits of writing. Just a reminder that all students should be writing in their writer's notebook twice a week for a minimum of ten minutes.



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Classroom Reminders

- **THR's need to be turned in on Friday mornings to be checked by your child's teacher.**
- **Each student should be reading a total of 6 nights a week.**
- **Spelling homework is checked EVERY Friday.**
- **Spelling words are given on a two week rotation.**
- **The next spelling test will be on Friday, October 7th.**

Coming Attractions

- **Oct. 5th—International Walk to School Day**
- **Oct. 5th—Picture Day**
- **Oct. 7th—Spelling Test**
- **Oct. 10th—3rd Literature Circle Meeting**
- **Oct. 11th—Parent Visitation Day**
- **Oct. 13th—Field Trip to Strathmore**
- **Oct. 14th—Last Lit Circle Meeting**
- **Oct. 21st—No School**
- **Oct. 28th—Halloween Parade and Party**

Field Trip

On Thursday, October 13th the fifth grade will be going to Strathmore for a concert presented by the National Philharmonic Orchestra. The students will be eating lunch at school before leaving. Since lunch will be earlier, we will be eating in the classrooms, so all students will need to bring lunch that day. If you have not returned the permission form, please have your child turn it in by Tuesday.

