

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade December Newsletter

## December News

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### December 2011

#### Calendar Of Events

**December 5 – 9** – Book Fair  
GHES Media Center

**December 15**– Winter Concert  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. All Purpose  
Room

**December 23** – Last day of  
classes before Winter Break

**December 26 – January 2,**  
**2012** – Winter Break- Happy  
Holidays!

**January 3, 2012** – Classes  
resume

Have a happy,  
healthy, and  
safe winter  
break! Enjoy  
your holidays  
and time with  
family and  
friends!

-From the fifth  
grade team



## What are we learning?

**Reading** – We have just finished our poetry unit, so feel free to ask your child about what he or she has learned in that unit. We are continuing to read both informational texts as well as literary texts. Ask your child different reading strategies he or she is learning in class. If your child is currently reading a core book in class, have him or her explain what is going on in the story. These are great ways to reinforce comprehension.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home for 30 minutes each night. In **writing**, students will write a variety of short writing pieces to practice the traits of writing. They will also be writing a personal narrative, and researching a famous person to create a biography box! Be looking for more information to

come home about these projects.

### **Fifth Grade Math**

The children will learn about fractions and decimals during this month. Ask your child how decimals and fractions are related and if they can point out household items that incorporate the use of decimals and fractions.

### **Math 6**

The children will continue to work on unit two; Fractions, Decimals, and Percents. The children will specifically look at how the three are interchangeable. A great way to review with your child is to give him/her a fraction and have them change it into a decimal and percent!

## Communication is the key to success!

Thank you very much for taking time to join us during parent-teacher conferences. We all have jobs in your child's learning experience and one of those jobs is to have open communication. Our goal is to stay in contact with you in order to keep you informed of your child's progress throughout the year. We can do this via interim reports, report cards, notes home, phone calls, and/or emails. Keep in touch!!

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