

5th Grade January Newsletter

January News



January 2012

Calendar Of Events

- January 3** – First day back
January 12– Family Reading Night (7-8:30 pm)
January 16 – No school – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 20 – End of 2nd Quarter
January 23 – No school for students- Teacher work day

Save the Date!!

5th Grade Parent Meeting

February 15, 2012
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

For Parents Only! To discuss the upcoming Family Life Unit.

Dr. Joanne Smith, Principal
Mrs. Elizabeth Deigan, Assistant Principal

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Reading – We are continuing to read both informational texts as well as literary texts. Ask your child what 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. That's a great way to reinforce comprehension.

Writing - Students will be choosing a person who has made an impact in the world to complete a Biography Box. They will be researching the person's life and using a cereal box to display the information. Talk with them about the different steps involved in a research paper and what step they are currently on for their project.

Social Studies –We are beginning to talk about the Revolutionary War Era.

Students will be learning how America's government came to be. Please talk with your child about the important events during this time to help reinforce what they are learning.

Fifth Grade Math

The children will continue learning 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 A

The children will complete unit 2CD; Fractions, Decimals, and Percents. The next time you are in a store and see a % off sale, ask your child if he/she can tell you the reduced cost!

Coming Soon.....The Science Fair

Glen Haven's Science Fair is coming, so it time to start thinking about being a young scientist. All fifth graders are required to complete a project for the science fair. It will be a graded assignment that is a large part of the student's science grade. Although students will be given a list of possible topics and testable questions at school, a majority of the work for the projects is expected to be done at home. These projects are rather sizeable, and take more than a night or two to complete well. Be on the look-out for a packet containing possible timelines to follow and a

more detailed explanation of the expectations for the projects. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

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5th Grade Teacher Mission Statement: We will academically and socially prepare our students for success in the middle school and in life.