

5th Grade November Newsletter

November News



November 2011

Calendar Of Events

- November 10** – Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m. – Parent Conferences
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- November 14** – Awards Ceremony
Grade 3, 4, 5 10:45-11:30 a.m.
- November 13-19** – Reading Week
- November 23** - Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
- November 24 and 25** – No School – Happy Thanksgiving!

FYI!!

Data notebooks usually go home on the last Wednesday of each month. We are going to show you the data notebooks at the upcoming parent conferences, along with sending them home on November 30, 2011.



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

What are we learning?

Reading/Language Arts

During the second quarter, we will focus on reading for literary experience, which will begin with a unit on poetry. During small group instruction, we will continue to read and discuss our core books. Please make sure your child is reading them at home each night! Even if there is no specific homework assignment that evening, your child should be reading for at least 30 minutes each night.

In **writing**, this quarter, students will complete their personal narratives and create a poetry book of their own poems in various styles. We will also begin writing informational reports. Be on the lookout for “Biography Report” information!

Math 5

Students will learn about geometric

figures, shapes, and about the line segments that create those shapes. They will also be analyzing and measuring angles.

Math 6

The children will continue to work on unit two: Fractions, Decimals, and Percents. The unit tests for this unit are broken into two separate tests, Unit 2AB and 2CD.

All math students should continue to practice their basic facts at home. Students can make their own flashcards using index cards to practice with! A school-wide Math Olympics program is underway where students can earn prizes for the successful completion of weekly math fact tests! Ask your child how many “Math Olympic Dollars” they have earned so far!!

Parent Conferences: Have you set a date?

Parents and teachers need to work together as a team to ensure a child’s success. Parent conferences will be held on November 10 and 11, 2011. We appreciate those of you who have already signed up for conferences. A letter will come home soon inviting everyone to attend a conference. This is a great way to find out how your child is performing in 5th grade. Hopefully you have an idea of how your child is doing based on the conversations you have with him or her and by seeing the graded work

that comes home. However, conferences are a great way to get some added insight through conversation with your child’s teacher.

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