

5th Grade October Newsletter

October News

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October 2011

Calendar of Events

October 4 – PTA 7:00 p.m.

October 10 – Open House
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

October 12 – 5th Grade
Parent Meeting 6:00 PM –
7:30 PM

October 13 – Strathmore
Field Trip

October 21 – No School –
MSTA Teacher's
Convention

October 28 – Halloween
Celebrations and Pumpkin
Activities

Save the Date!!

Halloween Celebrations

October 28, 2011

2:00 p.m.

Please contact your
child's teacher if you
would like to
volunteer!!



What are we learning?

Reading

First quarter reading will continue to focus on reading for literary experience and reading for information. We will continue with reading core books during our small group instruction. We will read many non-fiction texts in addition to those read in the content areas. We encourage all students to read, regularly, the newspaper, magazines, or any other non-fiction texts in which they are interested. You can continue to reinforce reading strategies at home by asking about the story elements in the book your child is reading. If the reading material is a magazine or newspaper, ask about the text features or the main idea. You may also ask your child to make a prediction based on what he or she read.

Writing

In writing, this month, students will complete a goals essay and develop a personal narrative as they focus on the 6+1 traits of writing.

Pumpkin Activities!!

On October 28, 2011, the fifth grade classes will be investigating pumpkins. A few of these activities include estimating the number of seeds inside the pumpkin, testing whether pumpkins float, and analyzing how heights and weights of different pumpkins compare to each other. Please keep in mind that this is NOT a Halloween activity, as we recognize that there are families that do not allow children to participate in celebrations relating to this holiday.

We are asking each child to bring in a pumpkin on this day. The size of the pumpkin is up to your discretion, as long as your child has a way to get it to and from school that day. If your child does

Science

We will continue with our unit on force, motion and energy. Ask the students about what a force is, and what causes motion!

Social Studies

We will begin looking at our nation's government and events leading up to the Revolutionary War.

Fifth Grade Math

Unit one will be completed in mid-October and unit two will begin. Unit two consists of Geometric skills and identifying figures on a plane field.

Math A

Unit two for Math A consists of fractions, decimals, and percents. Students will learn that these parts of numbers can be used interchangeably. This unit lasts until our holiday break in December.

not have a pumpkin on this day, he or she may still participate by working with a partner who does have one.

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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.