

# FIFTH GRADE NEWS

## OCTOBER, 2009

### **Fifth Grade Math**

Fifth graders have been working very hard in math. They have practiced factors, multiples, prime numbers, composite numbers, and the rules of divisibility. Next month they will work equally hard to investigate patterns, function tables, and expressions through word problems. The fifth grade math classes are planning Unit 1 unit test on Thursday, October 9. Students will have the opportunity to practice all concepts in class, on homework, and on weekly quizzes.

### **Math**

In Math 6, we are reviewing what we have learned about graphic organizers and will have taken Unit tests by next week. We then will move onto Unit 2 in both disciplines. These units deal with standard and decimal fractions, equations and expressions, scientific notation and exponents, and the connections between all of these.

### **Reading**

Students will continue to read historical fiction this month, as well as continuing to identify historical fiction characteristics. Students will also be working in skills group to help strengthen their comprehension skills.

We are continuing to read aloud Number the Stars to all students. This is a fascinating historical fiction book that took place during the WWII era when Hitler and the Nazis controlled numerous countries around Germany. Students are asking great questions. We strongly encourage you to talk to your child about this time period.

In addition to the reading aloud, all students have been assigned their leveled novel. This will be read mainly at home. However, students will be meeting with their literature circle group to discuss the assigned chapters. Also, to assure that students are reading, they have to complete a weekly reading log.

### **Grammar/Writing**

Students are working on identifying the subject and predicate of a sentence as well as identifying what we call the type of sentence that is missing a subject or predicate. In writing, students are working writing a well-written paragraph. We are focusing on ideas and development, organization, and conventions.

### **Social Studies**

Students have been working on basic geography in social studies. During the month of October they will begin to focus on the rights and responsibilities they have as citizens of the United States of America.

### **Science**

We will continue to study the concepts of force and motion as they apply to our everyday lives. We encourage our students to investigate questions that they have and find their answers through hands-on experiments.

### **5th Grade Important Dates:**

**10/2-EARLY RELEASE DAY (12:55)**

**10/2- DONUTS FOR DADS**

**10/2- ALL STAR PARTY**

**10/16- NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL MEETING**

**10/30- FIRST MARKING PERIOD ENDS**