

FIFTH GRADE NOVEMBER NEWS

Math 5/6

The children have worked very hard on the Number Theory unit, and most of the students were very successful on both the 5th grade material as well as the challenge items. We are proud of them!

We are now starting Geometry. By the end of this unit your child will be able to:

- Identify, describe, compare, and classify two-dimensional and three-dimensional figures.
- Identify the radius, diameter, center, chords, and circumference of a circle.
- Measure angles with a protractor and identify the vertex and rays.
- Draw geometric figures using tools and technology.

We will continue to accelerate those students who show mastery on the above objectives.

Please remind your child to study their math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) for at least 5 minutes every day. Your child can practice with flashcards, on a computer, or orally.

Math 6/7

The Math A classes are currently studying Unit 2, Fractions, Decimals, and Percents which focuses on developing connections to everyday life and these math concepts.

Please remind your child to study their math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) for at least 10 minutes every day. Your child can practice with flashcards, on a computer, or orally.

Social Studies

The students did great as they studied basic map skills last quarter. The fifth graders will move into a brief overview of the Early English Settlements in order to begin comparing the colonies for their 13 colony foundation. They will then begin to investigate the growing tension between the colonies and Britain during the mid 1700's.

We are looking forward to exploring the foundations of our country.

Science

All science classes are finishing our culminating project, the Egg Drop, which incorporates Isaac Newton's Laws of motion into everyday situations.

Our next unit of study is Magnetism and electricity. One of our goals is to increase our students' science vocabulary with an emphasis on terms that are relevant to our topics.

Reading

During the second quarter, your child will be reading/writing various forms of poetry. While studying poetry, students will be able to identify the many poetic devices authors use in their poems. In addition, students will get the opportunity to show their understanding of these poetic devices by using them in their own poems.

Students will also be learning about the Harlem Renaissance time period. We will spend time reading poems by Langston Hughes and discussing how and why he was important during the Harlem Renaissance.

Reading Log

Our reading log is a two week program. Students are required to complete a reading log daily. They are expected to read at least 20 minutes a night. A parent is to initial the reading log nightly. The students are also required to respond once a week. Their response is to be done on the back of the reading log. We check the reading log for completion on the first week. Then, it is given back to the student to complete the second table and the second response. We will collect the reading log on the second week. Please make sure that your child is reading every night as it will help them develop their vocabulary.

Reading Goal

The first quarter has come to an end. All students were required to read at least 4 books during the quarter and complete a “Book Talk” form. The books that we assign them can count towards their reading goal. However, students are expected to read books of their choice. Many students met their goal. However, we have some students who did not meet their goal. Please encourage your child to read every night including the weekend.

Reminders:

Thursday, November 3 – Math informational meeting presented by Mrs. Finn and Mrs. Douglas

Thursday, Nov. 10 and Friday, Nov. 11 - Early Release (parent conferences)

Thursday, November 10 – Report Cards distributed

Wednesday, November 23 – Early Release

Thursday November 24, Friday, November 25 - No School (Thanksgiving)