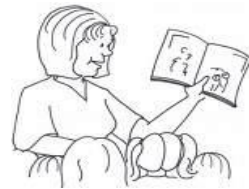


FIFTH GRADE NEWS

OCTOBER EDITION

Reading

Learning about new genres in reading is fabulous. The fifth grade students will be reading historical fiction this quarter. Also, they will be listening to their teachers read various historical fiction picture books from different eras in history to help expand their understanding of history. In addition, the students will use the story elements (characters, setting, plot, theme, problem, and solution) to help give them a better understanding of the novel they are reading.



Writing

We have spent the past several weeks focusing on the writing trait Ideas and Development. During the month of October, we will continue stressing the importance of ideas and development; introduce the Organization trait with a focus on paragraph development. In addition, we will do mini grammar lessons.

Mathematic 6/7

The Math 6/7 class has just finished Unit One, statistics. We will begin our next unit which explores the many ways that fractions, decimals, and percents are used in everyday life. The next unit test will be mid-November.

Math 5/6

Unit one focuses on the Number Theory. Students will be learning various concepts in this unit. They will be learning how to:

- 1) Identify prime and composite numbers
- 2) Identify the divisibility rules for 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, and 10
- 3) analyze patterns and generalizing rules
- 4) construct function tables with given information
- 5) write and evaluate algebraic expressions
- 6) use their problem solving strategies to help solve word problems

In addition, the students that are accelerating and showing complete understanding of the 5th grade objectives will be moving into some Math A indicators. Those indicators are:

- 1) identify and extend arithmetic and geometric sequences

- 2) read, write, and represent numbers using exponents
- 3) graph ordered pairs in the four quadrants of a coordinate plane.
- 4) generate and graph a set of ordered pairs using a given rule.

Your child will have a math quiz every Thursday. Please make sure that your child studies for the quizzes. In addition, help your child study their basic facts every night. We are finding that unit one is a challenge to those students that struggle with their basic facts.

Science

All classes are reinforcing the scientific method with hands-on experiments. Our goal is to create wonder and encourage independent thinking about scientific concepts.

Our Unit Test, Force and Motion will be given on October 25. Study guides will be provided a week prior to this date.

Social Studies:

This year, the fifth grade will alternate the times when Social Studies and Science are instructed to provide a balanced understanding of the topics covered in each on a consistent, daily basis. Your student will be instructed on both Science and Social Studies curriculum by their homeroom teacher.

The students will apply knowledge about the colonies to better understand the grievances that the colonists had with England. The students will identify that some colonists were happy with British rule, while others fought hard against it, ultimately leading to the American Revolution. The students will be able to identify the child-parent relationship that England and the colonies had.

Other topics to be covered later in the school year will include economics, the formation of the new country and its governing documents, transportation, and the expansion westward.

Reminders:

October 10 – Open House

October 12 – Strathmore Field trip

October 21– MSTA convention (no school)

October 25 – Science Unit Test

October 28 – First marking period ends; Halloween parties

October 31 – First grading period ends