



# Fifth Grade Eagle News

## December 2019

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Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Jones

### ELA/SS Standards

In ELA, Students will continue to dig deeper into the new Benchmark Advance curriculum focused on literary close read complex texts. We are finishing a nonfiction unit where we are focusing on main idea and constructing an informative report. Next, we will be focusing on making predictions and inferences using fiction texts.

### STEM

In STEM students will be learning about light waves. We will be doing investigations with mirrors and flashlights to see how waves reflect and retract.

### Social Studies

In December students will continue to learn about the 13 colonies. They will be analyzing maps to determine how geographical location impacted the economics of a region. Students will evaluate the Plymouth and Jamestown communities to understand how colonists began to develop the United States. We will also be learning about the daily lives of the colonists and how life was different back then.

### ESOL

ESOL stands for English for Speakers of Other Languages. In other words, ESOL students are people who already speak one or more languages and are learning English as an additional language.

Our vocabulary studies are related to the ELA lessons in Benchmark Unit 3 - hybrid, industrialization, integrity, monoculture, rotation, staple, and symbiosis. Ask your student what they mean (every 5th grader should know these).

On behalf of the 5th grade team,  
we would like to wish all families a  
Happy Holiday season.



### Dates to Remember

- Tue, December 3 PTA Meeting
- Thu, December 12 No School for Pre-K and Winter Concert
- Mon, December 16 PBIS Spirit Week
- Fri, December 20 2nd Cup of Coffee-Merienda-PBOM, Winter Sing-a-long (Pre-K - 2), and Winter Wonderland Class Activities
- Mon, December 23 Winter Break - No school for students and teachers
- Tue, December 24 Winter Break - No school for students and teachers; Offices closed
- Wed, December 25 Winter Break - No school for students and teachers; Offices closed
- Thu, December 26 Winter Break - No school for students and teachers
- Fri, December 27 Winter Break - No school for students and teachers
- Mon, December 30 Winter Break - No school for students and teachers



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### Math Standards

In math, fifth graders are beginning our study of fractions. We will be making equivalent fractions then adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. We will be using models and algorithms to do operations with fractions.

### 5/6 Math with Mrs. Vactor

Students will be concluding the unit on ratios and rates. We will be moving into division of fractions and multi-digit computation. Students should plan to spend 20 minutes each evening on Khan Academy related Math tasks.



### Huddle - Caring Classroom

#### Focus

Huddle focus is centered around respectful behaviors in school. Students are asked to generate thoughts and ideas around behavioral expectations:)

### Volunteering

MCPS is requiring that all volunteers view an online training on preventing, recognizing, and reporting child abuse and neglect prior to volunteering in any MCPS school. Volunteers will not be able to assist in the classroom until the training is viewed. Confirmation of your completion of this course will be sent via email. Prior to volunteering, please bring the completion certificate to the Main Office. If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Willis at 301-649-8051.

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