October 4, 2019

Fifth Grade News

Greetings Parents,

We are enjoying getting to know your children and feel we have laid the foundations for an excellent school year ahead.

Please note that **Parent Conferences** are scheduled for the **afternoons of Monday, November 11th and Tuesday, November 12th**. If you have not yet signed up for a conference, please e-mail your child’s teacher with preferred times. A confirmation of your conference time will be sent home on brightly colored paper in the coming weeks. Please do sign and return this slip indicating if you will be able to attend during the time slot indicated. We look forward to talking with you about your child’s progress.

Reading/Writing/Language Arts

During the first three weeks of school, we established and reviewed expectations and routines for the Benchmark language arts curriculum. Daily instruction includes read alouds, word work, and writing to prompts. Instruction occurs in both whole class and small group settings. If you are interested in learning more about the Benchmark program, we encourage you to attend the **Curriculum Night on October 17**.

Math

Students will be working with decimals and place value understandings as well as making array models and estimating and calculating quotients up to 4 digits with 2 dividends.

Social Studies

Social studies instruction has focused on events leading up to and including The American Revolution, as well as the economy of the colonies.

Science

Through both hands-on investigations and reading informational texts, we will be exploring both physical and chemical changes in matter.

Homework and How You Can Help

Please note that all children in fifth grade receive a reading packet and log to be completed as part of their daily reading homework. Please monitor that your child is **completing the Reading Packet bi-weekly**. In addition, all math students receive homework daily from Monday-Thursday**.**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Many thanks to those of you who have offered to support our work with your children, and for your involvement in **coordinating snacks for our students**. We will continue to ask for contributions as the year continues, and every little bit helps. Please contact Celeste Raker-Dillen (Dash's mom) or your child's homeroom teacher for all the ways that you can donate. We really appreciate it!

**Additional Dates**

**October 24** – Field Trip to Strathmore

**October 31** – Fall Festival

Thank you for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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