## **Fifth Grade Reading Newsletter**

Marking Period 4, Part 1

MT	Learning Goals by Measurement Topic (MT)  Students will be able to			
Informational Text	<ul> <li>use text structures (compare and problem/solution) to analyze ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts.</li> <li>summarize a text by determining two or more main ideas of the text.</li> <li>draw on information from multiple print or digital sources to answer questions quickly or solve problems efficiently.</li> <li>explain the relationships or interactions between two or more ideas or concepts in a technical text based on specific information in the text.</li> <li>Includes: textbooks, manuals, descriptions of products, instructions or procedures for performing complex tasks.</li> <li>The language is focused and includes specific vocabulary to explain products or processes. It does not include figurative language.</li> <li>The format is often short paragraphs with text features such as, bullets, numbered lists, headings and sub-headings.</li> </ul>			
Language: Vocabulary	<ul> <li>develop scientific vocabulary.</li> <li>summarize the points a speaker makes and support ideas with reasons and evidence.</li> <li>determine the meanings of words by using reference materials (dictionary, thesaurus, etc.).</li> </ul>			

Thinking and Academic Success Skills (TASS)					
	<u>It is</u>	In reading, students will			
Evaluation	weighing evidence, examining claims, and questioning facts to make judgments based upon criteria.	<ul> <li>determine the main idea of text by reasoning and assessing information.</li> <li>review and revise criteria to justify a choice or solution. (Criteria is a standard on which a decision or judgment may be based.)</li> </ul>			
Effort/Motivation/ Persistence	working diligently and applying effective strategies to achieve a goal or solve a problem; continuing in the face of obstacles and competing pressures.	<ul> <li>persevere in gathering and evaluating information from several texts in order to improve summaries.</li> <li>continue searching for reasons and evidence to support thinking about a topic and claim.         Use phrases such as:         <ul> <li>"I know I can"</li> <li>"This is important"</li> <li>"I will adjust"</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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Learning Experiences by Measurement Topic (MT)					
MT	In school, your child will	At home, your child can			
Literature	<ul> <li>read and compare multiple texts, within a variety of genres, about the same topic.         <u>Example</u>: The Buzz on Bees by Shelley Rotner and Where Have All the Bees Gone? By Jennifer Cutarothey         discuss and analyze theme and figurative language found in literature.         </li> <li>collect information from print resources and technical texts to write an informational poem.</li> <li>compare points of view of various texts using strategies, such as comparison circles.</li> <li>make inferences based on key details.         <u>Example</u>: complete a double entry journal to record important details and/or quotes about the job of a beekeeper.     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>read a variety of self-selected texts everynight.</li> <li>identify two or more TV shows and/or books with the same theme or topic. Discuss how both sources are similar and different.         <ul> <li>Example: watch two fun game shows.</li> </ul> </li> <li>write a short informational poem about a favorite topic (school, home, etc.). Share the poem during family time, and post the work where everyone can admire it.</li> <li>have free family fun! Visit the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. to learn more about animals and their habitats.</li> </ul>			
Language: Vocabulary	use reference materials, and digital reference tools to understand new scientific vocabulary. <u>Examples:</u> The Auburn University Entomology Glossary  The Amateur Entomologists Society	Continue in-class reading on bees, insects, cells, circuits or other science concepts. Create a diorama or 3-D model. Share learning and new vocabulary with family members and class.  Diorama Sample http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Animals/habitatdiorama/steps-images/garden-diorama.jpg			
Glossary	<b>figurative language:</b> any language that goes beyond the literal meaning of words in order to furnish new effects or fresh insights into an idea or a subject	technical text: type of informational text that presents specialized or scientific information in a way that is clear and easy to understand  theme: central or underlying message of the text			

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