



5TH GRADE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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March 2016

Important Dates

March 9th:
“Endless
Possibilities” Field
Trip

March 10th:
Boosterthon

March 15th:
Reading MAP test

March 16th: Math
MAP test

March 16th: Brown
Bag Lunch in the
Media Center
11:30am

March 18th:
Terrific Kid
Ceremony

March 23rd-24th:
Charleston Field
Trip

March 28th-April
1st: Spring Break

Curriculum Overview for the month of March
Please continue to check the Google calendar for all
important dates!

Math:

Unit: Math: Students are currently working in the Geometry unit. Students need to be able to create a hierarchy of quadrilaterals. This unit is 95% about the vocabulary. For example: Students need to know that a square is a polygon (2D, closed figure with three or more straight lines) a quadrilateral (4 sided shape), parallelogram (two pairs of parallel lines), four right angles, four congruent sides, etc...

Geometry unit will end within the next two weeks. The next and final unit is the measurement unit. Again, this unit is primarily memorization. We will discuss customary and metric units for length, capacity and weight. Students need to know how to convert within each unit. For example: 16 ounces = 1 pound or 5,280 feet = 1 mile and 1000 millimeters = one meter. We will continue to spiral through all previously taught standards.

Homework: Students will have a practice worksheet or activity nightly. Students can also utilize Dreambox this year.

Assessment: Please see Google Calendar for the upcoming Cycle 5 assessment in April

Class Websites

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Under Construction

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Reading Workshop:

Unit: Nonfiction Research Projects

Students are wrapping up our 3rd and final nonfiction unit. Students will continue to research a historical time period in American history within a small research group. Students are learning to analyze first and second-hand accounts, as well determining the stance of the author's point of view. Students will compile the information that has been learned through this unit to create a Blendspace board. They will then use the board to teach another research group about their historical time period.

Homework: Read 30 minutes, reading log, reading response

Assessment: Please see Google Calendar for the upcoming Cycle 5 assessment in April

Writing Workshop:

Unit: Historical Fiction Narrative

Students will put the finishing touches on their historical fiction narratives this month. Students will be revising their rough drafts to add elaboration and historical setting details to their narratives. The narratives will focus around a historical conflict and a theme that the students planned from the very beginning.

Assessment: At the end of the unit, the narrative will be graded using a narrative rubric.

Please visit our websites for more information throughout the school year. Important dates and assessments will be posted on the Google calendar that can be found on our webpages.

Word Study:

We will continue with our Word Study activities at school to prepare for the Friday assessments.

Homework: Students should spend at least 5 minutes each night practicing their sorts.

Assessment: A spelling assessment will be given at the end of each week.

Science:

Unit: Students are completing the Weather unit and will begin the Human Body unit next. This unit focuses on systems in the body that allow humans to function. Our final unit will focus on genetics (should start in mid April). We will also continue to spiral review previously taught concepts via warm ups and problems of the day.

Homework: Students should study their science vocabulary words nightly.

Assessment: Will vary by teacher. Please check the google calendar for dates

Social Studies:

Social Studies will be integrated during both literacy and math/science blocks, as well as during Extension time. Students will complete a weekly Time 4 Kids assignment and will be assigned a Social Studies Research question every 3 weeks. We will use Project-Based learning of Social Studies standards during our Extension time.

FUN FRIDAY

Students that complete all of their homework/classwork throughout the week will be able to participate in FUN FRIDAY each Friday afternoon. During this time, students can choose to participate in technology time, art time, physical activity time, dance time, or movie time.

Students that do not complete their homework/classwork will complete their missing assignments during this time. Please check with your child each night to ensure homework is being completed. You also have access to Powerschool and can check your child's grades at any time to see if they have missing assignments. If your child has a missing assignment, please have them complete and submit it for a grade. We appreciate your help and support at home to ensure the success of your child.