

January

Grade 5 Important Dates

- January 20 – No School
- January 22 – Family Fun Day at 8:30am
- January 29 & 30 – Practice ELA Test
- June 10 – Senior Trip Adventureland**
- June 23 – Graduation**

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Guided Reading

During the month of January, students will begin the New Year by reading a variety of fairy tales, dramas, plays and fables focusing on the theme. Students were benchmarked in December and are working towards independent reading goals.

Please be sure your child is reading 30 minutes a night and working towards their new goal.

Math

Welcome Back!!! We all had a chance to rest up, relax and enjoy some much needed time off. We will now get back to work. I know our Grade 5 Mathematicians are excited to return to the wonderful world of math. January is an exciting month at PS 108Q. We have progressed through the world of decimals and how to perform all four operations in this world. Decimals are important because they can be used to relate to money. We now enter the world of fractions. This marvelous place allows us to take pieces of numbers and do such amazing things like adding and subtracting them. True mathematicians are able to see the relationship between decimals and fractions. Can you? We will then apply these concepts to our Gallery Walks, solving real world problems and analyzing the results of our classmates. Just a reminder, Grade Five Mathematicians have homework daily and should be reviewing nightly. It is important to continue to practice basic math facts and put our best effort into our work.

Shared Reading

In January, we will be reading our first novel, *The Tiger Rising* by Kate DiCamillo. *The Tiger Rising* is the tale of 12-year-old Rob Horton who finds a caged tiger in the woods behind the Kentucky Star Motel where he lives with his dad. This novel is about cages – the consequences of escape as well as imprisonment. The story and symbolism are clear as a bell, and the emotions ring true. We will do most of our reading in class and work through the novel together using text dependent questions and group discussion.



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Science

In Science this month we will be finishing Chapter 4: Ecosystems and Biomes. The students will be assessed on Chapter 4, so please make sure they are studying the vocabulary words and reviewing the chapter. Next, we will move into Chapter 5: Our Dynamic Earth. This chapter focuses on Earth's Landforms, Plate Tectonics, Volcanoes, Earthquakes, and Shaping Earth's Surface. As always, please make sure that your child is using the book to identify text evidence when answering the questions on the homework sheets.

Social Studies

This month in Social Studies we will be exploring primary resources through historical lenses. Students will learn about the historical lens' of geographers, economists, sociologists and historians. The focus questions of this units are "What motivated European explorers to explore the Western Hemisphere?" and "What is the role geography played in European exploration and colonization?".

Writing

This month in writing the students will continue working on Informative Writing using the 6 Traits of Writing. We will also start to prepare for the NYS ELA Test by reading passages and comparing the stories in extended response essays and short response essays. The students will be learning how to effectively answer an extended response question comparing two texts. We will continue our nightly writing journal in the New Year. All students should be writing in their journal every day using the 6 Traits of Writing.



5th Grade Graduation

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

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Session 1 at 8:30am Classes: 506, 507 , 511 , 513, 504

Session 2 at 11:00am Classes 509, 512, 510, 508, 505, 503 & 404