

November

Grade 5 Important Dates

- November 6:** No School: Election Day
- November 12:** No School: Veteran's Day Observed
- November 15** 11:15 Dismissal : Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 22 & 23** No School: Thanksgiving

Reminders

- ✓ Please make sure all homework is completed each night!
- ✓ Tuesday from 2:20– 3:00 are designated for Parent Meetings. Please speak with your child's teacher to schedule an appointment.
- ✓ All students should be independently reading 30 minutes each night.
- ✓ If you wish to contact your child's teachers, you may call the school or e-mail them Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 am – 2:20pm.

Math

November sees our ambitious Grade Five Mathematicians enter the world of decimals. This exciting land to the right of the decimal point is not only intriguing but vital to our everyday lives. Exploring how to read, write and use decimals will provide our students with a skill they will use in their everyday lives. Decimals can be converted into fractions and are the basis of our money system. It is important to be able to not only add and subtract decimals but multiply and divide them as well. From decimals, our mathematicians will move on to the important topic of fractions. The students should be able to convert between decimals and fractions and understand how they are different forms of the same thing.

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. Students should be reviewing their exit tickets and their assessments for further understanding. The more work students do now, they easier things become later.

Guided Reading

During the month of November, students will be reading books related to science to align with Shared Reading. The theme for this month is "Scientific Investigations". Students will be focusing on finding the main idea, drawing conclusions, and finding text evidence to support their thinking. Please be sure your child is reading every night for at least 30 minutes on MYON, or their independent reading book on their level. Your child should know their reading goal, and should be working towards it nightly.



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Science

In Science, during the month of November, we will be working on Chapter 3, “Interactions in Ecosystems”. This chapter focuses on Energy Flow in Ecosystems, Relationships in Ecosystems, and Adaptation and Survival. We will also begin Chapter 4, “Ecosystems and Biomes”. In this chapter we will learn about Cycles in Ecosystems, Changes in Ecosystems, Biomes, and Water Ecosystems. It is helpful if your children create flashcards of the vocabulary words so they can study and learn the definitions after each lesson. Then they can use these flash cards to assist with studying for the chapter test.

Social Studies

This month in Social Studies we will be researching physical features of the Western Hemisphere and how geologic processes shaped the physical environment. We will be looking closely at the Natural Wonders of the Western Hemisphere using different texts and photographs. Later in the month, we will start our study on the Canadian Regions with various trade books. We will focus on how early people adapted to their environment and what were some of their early accomplishments that paved the way to today’s society.

Writing

This month in Writing, we will be starting Unit 3a: Expository Writing. We will be learning about expository/informative writing. Students will start to write a Formal Core Writing piece about “Where I Live”. The students will complete a 5 Square Graphic Organizer, draft, peer edit and publish the writing piece.

Shared Reading

Throughout the month of November in Shared Reading, we will be working on Unit 2, Investigations, in the Treasures Textbook. Students will listen, read, and write about how scientists learn about the natural world. They will also develop and apply key comprehension skills that good readers use as they read. The focus will be on the topics of “Scientists at Work”, “Slithery Snakes”, “Scientific Discoveries”, “Balloon Flight”, and “Extreme Weather”. We will also be working in the New York Ready book. We will be working on Main Idea and Details, specifically focusing on using details to support inferences.

The students will be working on the “Let’s Target” book for homework during the week, which will help them build stamina on reading passages and allow for practice on multiple choice and short response questions.