



Grade 5

Important Dates

- October 9: No School : Yom Kippur
- October 14: No School : Columbus Day
- March 25 & 26 – NYS ELA Test
- April 22 & 23 – NYS Math Test

October Character Education

Responsibility: being accountable for our actions, doing the right things even when no one is watching

Writing

In writing this month we will continue our narrative writing piece, “Two Truths & A Dream”. We will also be starting our “Getting Ready for Writing” Unit. In this unit the students will be learning about all 6 Traits of Writing. We will do short writing pieces to practice each of the 6 Traits while we are exploring them during this unit. Just a reminder that students have a writing prompt every night for homework that should be completed in their Writing Journal. Students should be including all 6 Traits in their prompts!

Science & Social Studies

In Science, we will continue working on Chapter 1: Cells and Kingdoms. We will be learning about the classification of living things, the makeup of plants and animal cells, and animal systems.

In Social Studies, we will begin Unit 1, Geography and Early Societies of the Western Hemisphere.

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.



ELA

In Literacy this month, we will be working on Unit 1 in the Treasures program. The theme of this unit is "Taking a Stand". In this unit, students will listen, read, and write about what motivates people to take action. They will also develop and apply key comprehension skills that good readers use as they read. We will also be starting Unit 2, "Investigations". In this Unit students will be exploring how scientists learn about the natural world through a variety of texts. We will be working closely with students to determine their current independent and guided reading levels for the beginning of the school year. Fifth graders are expected to be reading at or above a level T in the beginning of the year. Please make sure your child is reading a minimum of 40 minutes each night to help develop fluency and build up reading stamina.

Math

We have entered the wonderful world of Fifth Grade Mathematics. This is a magical place filled with wonder, excitement and unlimited opportunity to explore and learn all about numbers. Currently, our Fifth Grade Mathematicians are exploring place value and number sense. They are reviewing different ways to represent numbers and how numbers can relate to each other. They are also reviewing their basic operations of multiplying and dividing. This will lead into a more focused topic of dividing whole numbers and how to add and subtract decimals. The world of decimals should be an interesting place to visit and explore.

It is important that our Fifth Grade Mathematicians continue to practice and review their basic math facts. The multiplication tables are vital to being successful in Grade Five. Also, there is math homework assigned every night. If you want to be successful, it is important to do all of the work. Math is an active subject. It takes being involved to succeed!