

# November 2025

## 5TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

### Note from teachers

Wow! We Wow! We made it through the first quarter of the school year. November 11<sup>th</sup> is parent-teacher conferences. Be sure to sign up for a time to talk about your child's progress with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. The link is sent on Class Dojo.

In the first marking period, students successfully completed their first round of I-Ready testing and are beginning to take Benchmark I tests. We are excited to begin a new marking period as students continue to build their math and literacy skills while engaging with historical, scientific, and socially and culturally relevant learning experiences. 5th grade is a critical year. We are working to ensure all students are prepared for middle school. Students must stay focused, ask questions, and always do their best. Continue talking with your child about what they are learning daily. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or express your concerns —communication is key!

*Camp Schmidt Overnight Field Trip is coming up on December 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>; permission slip packets have already been sent home.*

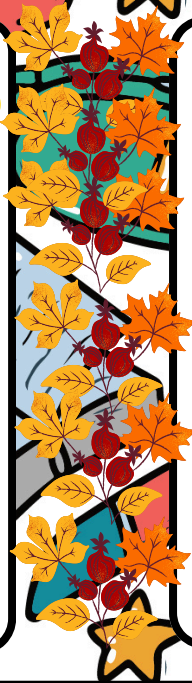
5th Grade Team



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Melany	5
Saima	7
Franklin	9
Yazmin	9
Lina	17
Genesis Chicas	19
Camren	28



### Save the Date

- **11/11** Parent Teacher Conference  
No School for Students
  - [Sign Up Here](#)
- **11/20** Math Night
- **11/26 to 28** Thanksgiving Break



### Building Self-Advocacy

Fifth grade is the perfect time for students to learn how to speak up for themselves in positive and respectful ways. Encouraging self-advocacy helps children build confidence, independence, and problem-solving skills they'll use for years to come.

#### Try this at home:

- **Name the problem:** Encourage your child to identify what they don't understand or need help with.
- **Ask for support:** Have them practice simple, clear questions like "Can you explain that again?" or "Can I have more time to finish?"
- **Use respectful language:** Remind them that how they speak is just as important as what they say.



**Small steps like these empower students to take ownership of their learning and build stronger communication skills.**

# A PEEK AT OUR MONTH



This month:

WRITING

**Text:** Mr. Linden's Library, The Loch Ness Monster, The Secret Keepers

**Reading Workshop Standards:** Predictions, Literary Elements, Figurative Language, Text & Graphic Features.

**Grammar:** Perfect Verb Tense, Irregular Verbs, Past Perfect Tense

**Projects:** 3D Inventor's Model & Mystery Monster

Students should access **IReady** weekly and pass 10 lessons with an 80%.



This month, our scholars will work on:

- Students add and subtract decimals and fractions (including mixed numbers) using concrete models, and relate these models to written methods.
- Students work with fractions with unlike denominators by reasoning and using equivalent fractions.

Please ensure students are using **Dreambox** to get daily practice. We will recognize champions with more than 10 completed lessons each week.

## Social Studies

This month, we will answer the following questions:

How do we investigate the past?

What role did the distinction between "free states" and "slave states" have in conflicts over slavery?

What role did industrialization have in pre-Civil War conflicts between the North and the South?

Students can access the **IXL** website through Clever, to review social studies standards.



This month, we are discovering:

- Matter is composed of very small particles that behave differently in solid, liquid, or gas form.
- Plants use energy from the sun, air, and water to manufacture food for themselves.

Students will also finish with Unit 1-What is Matter Made of, and Move into Unit 2-From Matter to Organisms.

Students can access **Legends of Learning** website through Clever, to review science standards.

## Health

**This month, we will discuss nutrition and the importance of healthy foods to our body's development and growth.**