

5TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

December 2024

Note from teachers

We are now almost halfway through the second quarter! Our classes are in full swing, and we excitedly look forward to our Winter Break. Students have been working hard in all subject areas, rules and policies are in place, and students are very familiar with expectations.

Please note that homework is given as a chance for students to get extra practice on a skill or to have more time to show what they know. It is very important that students complete the assignments to be prepared for the next day.



5th Grade Team



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12/17

Joshua M.

12/17

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Edris

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Save the Date

- 12/11 Camp Schmidt Parent Meeting
- 12/12 Safety Patrol Application Due
- 12/19 Math Night
- 12/20 3 Hour Early Dismissal
- 12/23 - 1/3 WINTER BREAK School and Offices Closed



The winter holiday break offers you and your family a delightful opportunity to relax and share quality moments. To ensure a smooth transition back to school after the New Year, consider the following tips:

1. Establish a Realistic Routine and Plan Ahead
2. Make the Most of Unstructured Time
3. Prioritize Fun During the Winter Break
4. Encourage Reading for Pleasure
5. Check In With Your Child and Acknowledge Their Efforts
6. Study Space: Is it working?
7. Organization Within Study Spaces
8. Establish or Reaffirm Routines
9. Determine Non-Negotiables
10. Use Positive Reinforcement



But don't forget, making cookies, completing a craft together or simply taking a family hike can do wonders to set the course for success at school this winter. So, enjoy the holiday season even as you plan ahead for the New Year!

A PEEK AT OUR MONTH

READING

This month:

Essential Question: What makes something mysterious, and what makes people want to solve mysteries?

Text: *Mr. Linden's Library, Finding Bigfoot: Everything You Know, The Secret Keepers, The Loch Ness Monster*

Grammar: *Consistent Use of Perfect Verb Tenses, Past Tense Verbs of Irregular Verbs*

Phonics: *Long Vowels*

MATH

This month, our scholars will:

- Add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators.
- They will then move on to multiplication and division of decimals with whole numbers.

Please continue working at home to have our scholars work at home on Dreambox and Boddle. These sites give students the necessary practice they need to grow in their math skills.

Social Studies

This month we will answer the following questions:

-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?

How did conflicts over slavery result in the Civil War?

SCIENCE

This month we are discovering that:

-Plants use energy from the sun, air, and water to manufacture food for themselves.

-Food chains and food webs are models that show consumption relationships in an ecosystem.

We will also review the 3rd grade Life Science Standards.

Health

This month we will learn about *making healthy food choices, the life cycle* and *nutritional needs at the different stages.*