

5th Grade Newsletter - October 2016

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Below you will find important information and the content that your child will be learning.

Free 60 - Language Arts Enrichment

Vocabulary - Synonym, Antonym, Homonym, Prefix, Suffix, Root Words (Greek and Latin)

Literacy:

312 and 315 - Students have already started reading *Freak the Mighty*. They will continue to practice on annotate text, take notes, engage in collaborative discussions, provide text evidence as well as learning strategies such as summarizing and finding main ideas/themes. Weekly vocabulary and comprehension tests will be given. Students are to keep their work organized in a folder or binder. In the midst of the novel, the class will also think of a project based learning project to work on based on a topic of the novel.

Writing:

Students are writing in their journals three days a week. They are also learning about the 6+1 Traits of writing. We will begin with the first trait named "Idea." The trait is broken down into five weeks. They are choosing a strong idea, writing a topic sentence and supporting details, developing character, setting, and plot ideas, elaborating on ideas and details, and maintaining your focus.

Math:

The class will be finishing up on Topic 1: Understanding Place Value. Then we will focus on Topic 2: Add and Subtract Decimals to Hundredths and Topic 3: Fluently Multiply Multi-Digit Whole Numbers. Students will engage in Math Talks that connect with real world experiences. Through questioning and collaborative discussion, students will learn to conceptually understand and deepen their knowledge about decimals and multiplication.

Science:

Students are using a text called, "Science and Life Issues." They will continue to learn about how scientist study people through various investigations, videos, experiments and readings. Students will simulate and learn about the process of conducting scientific experiments through the topic such as the nerves. Students will have the opportunity to conduct their own Ball Toss experiment after going through a model together as a class.

Social Science:

Student will be learning about Map Skills and Geography. Last month, students learned about cardinal directions and map key.

Map Skills - Elements of a map

1. Map Scale
2. Identify exact locations on the earth with coordinates
3. Study the continents and oceans

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Friday, October 7: Quarter 1 Progress report distribution

Monday, October 10: NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day

Friday, October 14: Picture Day

Monday, October 31: School Spirit Week