

5th Grade Newsletter - September 2016

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Dear Parents,

It is our pleasure to welcome you and your child to 5th grade. This will be a wonderful year full of learning and fun. We look forward to working with you and your child.

We hope to meet each of you during our 5th grade OPEN HOUSE on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 5:00pm. You will be able to see your child's classroom and meet their homeroom teacher. A presentation about expectations and routines will be discussed.

Thank you in advance for trusting us with your most precious possession. We promise to treat your child the way we would want our child to be treated. We are not perfect, but will do our best to make this an amazing year!

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 will start to read *Freak the Mighty*. Students are learning to 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.

Writing:

Students are writing in their journals three days a week. They will also learn about the 6+1 Traits of writing. We will begin with the first trait named "Idea."

Math:

Students will be focused on Topic 1: Understanding Place Value and Topic 2: Add and Subtract Decimals to Hundredths. 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 place value and adding and subtracting decimals.

Science:

Students are using a text called, "Science and Life Issues." They will 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 as we incorporate the **Next Generation Science Standard 8 practices:** Developing and Using Models; Analyzing and Interpreting Data; Planning and conducting investigations; Using mathematical and computational thinking; Constructing Explanations; Designing and evaluating solutions; Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information.

Social Science:

Map Skills - Elements of a map

- 1) Cardinal and intermediate directions (game activities and use Google Map to locate places in Chicago)
- 2) Map Key(Legend) - design a map
- 3) Identify exact locations on the earth with coordinates
- 4) Study the continents and oceans

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

9-26 Open house