



5th Grade Newsletter

DECEMBER 2019

IMPORTANT DATES:

- GIVING TUESDAY - 12/3/19
- PICTURE DAY - 12/06/19
- 314 FIELD TRIP- 12/13/19
- PROGRESS REPORTS- 12/13/19
- WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL - 12/23/19 - 01/01/20
- SCHOOL RESUMES-01/02/19

ELA

We are completing the novel, Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick. We will focus on context clues, finding themes, comparing and contrasting two or more characters, settings, and events in a story, understanding the stages of the plot, citing text evidence and comprehension skills for reading informational texts.

Math

Students will work on Topic 5: Division of Whole Numbers, Topic 1: Understanding Place Value, and Topic 2: Adding & Subtracting Decimals.

- **Room 312/Reading-Ms. Wright (former Armstrong):**
*We are finishing our novel, Freak the Mighty. We will continue to cite text evidence that support our thinking using sentence stems, finding themes by using a plot diagrams, comparing and contrasting two or more characters, settings, and events; using context clues and vocabulary skills to gain deeper comprehension. After completing the novel this quarter, we will dive into annotating and close reading strategies to comprehend informational texts. Students will utilize nonfiction texts on Newsela and Readworks online websites. There is homework everyday (Google Classroom, Reading online websites) and a completed reading log is due every two weeks to gain a free ticket to Six Flags Great America at the end of the school year in June. *The novel will be collected after we're finish AND any book not returned MUST be replaced or paid to the teacher.*

Please check the parent portal on ASPEN to stay abreast of your child's progress. Feel free to reach me at : maarmstrong@cps.edu for any questions/concerns regarding Reading (312, 314, 315), Mathematics (312), Writing (312), absences, etc. Thank you again for your support & Happy Holidays!

- **Room 314/Social Studies- Mr. Naliwajko:**
Happy Holidays! We have a very busy few weeks coming up here at Haines. Rm. 314 will be attending the exhibit Holidays Around the World on December 13, 2019. Please make sure that students come with a bag lunch that day.

Progress Reports will be distributed on December 13, 2019. Parents, please make sure that you review your child's grades in ASPEN with them on a weekly basis. Many students have missing grades due to merely not putting their names on their assignments or just not turning them in. Please speak with your child and of course email me with any questions. All missing assignments for the first five weeks of the 2nd Quarter are due no later than December 11, 2019. Any missing

Science

Students will finish learning about Matter in relation to the chemistry of food. A new unit begins with Earth Systems: Focus on Investigating Water Shortages.

Social Science

During the 2nd Quarter we will be learning about: Time, Continuity and Change Development of Central and South America.

assignments for the first five weeks will no longer be accepted after this date.

Over the next few weeks, students will continue to learn about early explorers and explorations around the globe.

If you have any questions regarding Social Studies (312, 314, 315), Mathematics (314) or Writing (314); please email me at dpnaliwajko@cps.edu. Thank you for your support!

- **Room 315/ Science-** Students will finish up their journey as food scientists as they will figure out how to make a salad dressing without sediments and layers. As they do, they are challenged to use their understanding of the particulate nature of matter and of the properties of molecules to explain why some solids dissolve, and others do not.
- We will also be starting a new unit. Students will be introduced to the general idea of renewable and non renewable energy sources and conservation of energy. Following that, we will dive deeper with investigating water shortages.

Please check the parent portal on ASPEN for your child's progress. Feel free to email me at : Bwong@cps.edu for any questions/concerns regarding Science (312, 314, 315), Mathematics (315), Writing (315), absences, etc. Thank you again for your support.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

- 312- Michaela-12th
- 314-Pinrong-16th
Xiwen-27th
- 315 -Yongxin Cao - 6