



## 5th Grade Newsletter

# JANUARY 2020

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- SPELLING BEE (4TH-8TH) - 1/8/2020
- SUPERHEROES DANCE (5:30PM-7:00PM)- 1/10/2020
- SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK- 1/13-17/2020
- NO SCHOOL-DR. M.L. KING- 1/20/2020
- MATH/SCIENCE FAMILY NIGHT - 1/30/2020
- SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY - NO SCHOOL 1/31/2020

### ELA

We have completed our novel, Freak the Mighty. We will have shifted our focus to comprehending informational texts. We will work on making inferences, determining the central idea(s) with supporting key details, summarizing, explaining the relationships between two or more individuals, events, and ideas using text evidence for comprehending informational texts.

- **Room 312/Reading-Ms. Wright (former Armstrong):** Happy New Year !!! We have completed our novel, Freak the Mighty and now we have shifted our focus to comprehending different types of informational text using many comprehension skills. We are beginning to utilize annotating and close reading strategies to improve comprehension. We are learning how to make inferences using information from the text, determining the central idea(s) with supporting key details, summarizing, explaining the relationships between two or more individuals, events, and ideas using text evidence.

To ensure progress, students will utilize nonfiction texts on Newsela and Readworks online websites. There is homework everyday (Google Classroom and 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.

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

- **Room 314/Social Studies- Mr. Naliwajko (Ms. Richmond):** Happy Holidays! Hello! My name is Ms. Rebecca Richmond (former 4th grade teacher of Haines). I want to introduce myself and let you know that I have been temporarily assigned as the teacher for Room 314 during Mr. Naliwajko's absence. Please know that I will continue on with the 5th grade curriculum and work with the 5th grade team as the social studies teacher. If you have any questions regarding Social Studies (312, 314, 315), please send a note with your child or call the school and leave me a message. I look forward to working with you and your child this school year!

## Math

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Students will work on Topic 2: Adding & Subtracting Decimals, Topic 7: Use Equivalent Fractions to Add and Subtract Fractions

## Science

Students have started the Conservation unit using materials provided by ComEd and People's Gas. Afterwards, we will divide into Earth Systems: Focus on Investigating Water Shortages.

## Social Science

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We will continue to learn about the founding of our colonies in the chapter, "The Struggle to Found Colonies", England's founding of Jamestown, the founding of French and Dutch colonies, the English settlers established colonies in New England, and the establishment of the 13 colonies along the coast of North America.

- **Room 315/ Science-**

We started our unit defining Energy and listing the different forms. Students were introduced to the general idea of renewable and non renewable energy sources and conservation of energy. A free starter kit will be given to each student to bring home so that they can implement the conservation of energy by replacing iridescent light bulbs to LED ones and saving water by timing showers, and replacing shower heads. Following that, we will dive deeper with investigating water shortages. Please remind your child to go on google classroom to complete assignments.

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"Alone we can  
do so little,  
together we can  
do so much !" –  
Helen Keller



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Happy Birthday to:

- 312- Alvin-9th  
Ziying (Jessica)-28th
  - 314- Danny-5th
  - 315 - Li Zhi Xiong 6th  
- Niki Shi - 14th  
- Marcus - 17th
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