

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Take a Look

## March

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### WRITING

#### Opinion Unit

- ✿ In writing, the big idea is that essays are a style of writing in which the audience must always be considered.
- ✿ Students will learn why it is so important to keep the audience in mind when writing an essay and how the writing process shapes the final product.
- ✿ Being that all students have researched their topics for the prior Journalism unit, they will now have the opportunity to work in groups to gather details to support their stance.
- ✿ They will craft their thesis statements as well as their leads for their persuasive essays and will begin to draft the supporting body paragraphs of their essays.
- ✿ Students will also be working on crafting counterarguments and will be revising their writing to include emotional appeal, rhetorical questions, as well as a call to action.

### READING



#### Opinion Unit

- ✿ In reading, the big idea for the unit is that researchers develop theories by utilizing multiple forms of sources.
- ✿ Through research, students will be analyzing the relationships between individuals, events, ideas, and/or concepts.
- ✿ Students have been working to identify central ideas embedded across various texts, selecting relevant quotes to support their thinking, paraphrasing the text in order to respond to questions, identifying and explaining elements of persuasion, identifying the intended audience while explaining how the information presented reflects the intended audience, and interpreting text by explaining the underlying meaning.
- ✿ The 5th grade has also worked test prep into their schedule for ELA and will continue up until the state test on April 2-4th

### SOCIAL STUDIES

- ✿ Our next unit of study in Social Studies focuses on what makes the geography of the Western Hemisphere so unique.
- ✿ Students will recognize how the Western Hemisphere can be located and represented using maps, globes, aerial and satellite photographs, and computer models.
- ✿ Students will understand that the Western Hemisphere makes up a huge part of the Earth, half! Because of this, it is home to a large variety of people and there are tremendous differences in climate, landforms, and population.
- ✿ Students have been studying only a few of the groups and places in the Western Hemisphere.
- ✿ Latin America is a large region and students will spend some time learning about this large and important region.
- ✿ Students will work in groups to conduct a short research project to understand the physical features and human characteristics of a Latin America country.

### MATH

#### Chapter 9: Multiplying and Dividing Decimals

- ✿ Throughout this chapter, students use and identify patterns to assist them in multiplying and dividing decimals by 1-digit whole numbers, tens, hundreds, and thousands.
- ✿ They will also be learning how to solve multiplication and division problems using conventional algorithms.
- ✿ Students will make reasonable estimates of products and quotients, along with solving real world math problems involving measurement.
- ✿ Most monetary dealings involve decimals; therefore it is crucial for our students to be skilled in decimal operations for they will be used frequently in daily life.

### Science

- ✿ In Science, we are beginning our third unit: The Earth System: Investigating Water Shortages.
- ✿ In this chapter, students are introduced to a fictional scenario- the city of East Ferris, located on Ferris Island, is experiencing a water shortage.
- ✿ Students are challenged to figure out why East Ferris is running out of water while West Ferris, which is on the other side of the island, is not.
- ✿ Students learn what makes water available for human use as well as various causes of water shortage.
- ✿ Students explore where water exists on Earth in a hands-on activity with a globe and by examining graphs of global water distribution.
- ✿ Additionally, they will determine that most of the water on Earth is salt water in our oceans and is therefore not available for the majority of people's water needs.