

5th GRADE NEWSLETTER



Quote of the month:

Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th. - Julie Andrews

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING THIS MONTH?

In reading... students will continue reading/exploring nonfiction. We have been acquainting ourselves with nonfiction signposting with the goal in mind of making our note-taking more meaningful and helpful. We will continue exploring the Maya, Inca, Aztec and Inuit ancient civilizations.

***ask your child to show you their Cornell Note-Taking system.**

IN WRITING...

We are currently immersed in an introduction to historical writing unit. Your students are learning about the contact between the Indigenous peoples of the Americas and European Explorers.

Goals of this unit are narrowing down a topic to subtopics, using non-fiction text features to research and for making their historical writing clear and purposeful, paragraphic, expanding exlaboration strategies, using content-specific vocabulary, and citing sources. Ask your child about their non-fiction note-taking writing strategies!

In math...

We are continuing to work on our study of decimals and place-value relationships. The students will be working on performing operations with decimals (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). After wrapping up our decimal unit in two weeks, we will begin our multiplicaiton and division unit. The beginning of this unit is largely a review of fourth grade material, but extends to new skills during the second half of the unit. Students should begin practicing their multiplication and division facts to build the skills they will need to be successful. Be on the lookout in your child's homework folder for XTRAmath.org login information, whcih is a way for students to practice these facts at home.

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| <p>IN SOCIAL STUDIES... students will be focusing on some Indigenous Peoples of the Americas (Maya, Aztec, Inca, and Inuit). By studying their cultures, students will be answering the guiding question, "How does environment and geography affect culture?"</p> | <p>Technology... During the month of November, 5th graders will finish their projects on Digital Citizenship. Students have been reviewing their knowledge of Microsoft Applications while creating a project (poster or presentation) about teaching others about Digital Citizenship. Digital Citizens have an understanding about what it means to be a member of a worldwide community linked by the Internet. You can support this work at home by having discussions about appropriate websites (all social media services require students to be 13+ years old) and role playing scenarios your child may face when using digital tools. All G-Suite for Education permission slips are past due (10/18/19).</p> | <p>IN SCIENCE... Our Scientists in training are currently working on Unit of Study called Physical and Chemical Changes. In the Science room we have made mixtures and solutions using different matter such as salt and water or sand, pebbles, and rocks. The students have come up with various plans to separate their different mixtures using filters, sifters, and more. At home, you can create your own mixtures and come up with an innovative way to separate it.</p> |
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| <p>In Music... We will be learning about the four basic rhythms: the quarter note, half note, dotted half note, and whole note. We will also learn how to read notes. We will learn about other song forms: AABA, ABA, and songs with bridge sections.</p> | <p>In gym... Group Games! Students will work in small groups to complete quick tasks using a wide range of motor skills. Students will also be working on their strength and flexibility city wide fitnessgram testing</p> |
| <p>In Health... Students are finishing up their "Body" unit with the muscles and bones terms and locations. They will be beginning the next unit of nutrition and why it's important to understand what they eat and how it affects them.</p> <p>In Advisory... In Advisory, students will be able to define empathy and respect. They will also learn how to demonstrate listening-with-attention skills.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Upcoming Dates & Important Events</i></p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ 11/5: Election Day →No School ★ 11/5: Bake Sale ★ 11/11: Veteran's Day →No School ★ 11/13: <u>Day Time</u> Parent Teacher Conferences ★ 11/14: <u>Day and Evening</u> Parent Teacher Conferences→ Half Day 11:40 Pick up ★ 11/13-11/14: Scholastic Book Fair ★ 11/22: Movie Night ★ 11/28- 11/29: Thanksgiving→No School |

Student Quotes of the Month!

Class 504, the Sloths,

- “We’re gonna identify text features to use them to our advantage.” -Alex Jules
- “So you’re saying every culture has its own beauty?” -Andrea Portilo