



# 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE FEBRUARY 2019

## NEWSLETTER



### 5th Grade Important Dates

February 5, 2019:

Lunar New Year – School Closed

February 8, 2019:

PS 147 Day – Wear School Gear

Week of February 11, 2019:

Respect for All Week

Monday, February 18, 2019 –

Friday, February 22, 2019:

Mid-Winter Recess – School Closed

Monday, February 25, 2019: School resumes

Wednesday, February 27, 2019: Parents in

the Classroom @ 8:15am followed by PTA

Meeting @ 9am

Thursday, February 28, 2019: Character

Education Assembly

### Reading

#### Informational Text

Fifth grade students will study craft and structure in informational text. Students will begin the unit learning ways to figure out unfamiliar words.

There are two types of vocabulary in informational writing: academic vocabulary (general words) and domain-specific vocabulary (words used in particular subjects, such as history or science.) Students will also practice the skills of comparing and contrasting text structures by determining chronology or identifying problem-solution relationships.

### Writing

Fifth grade students will continue the opinion writing unit. They will produce a variety of texts that will include: newspaper and magazine editorials, letters to the editor, book and movie reviews, and advertisements. They will build an opinion by researching debatable topics and will try to persuade the reader into sharing their opinion through reasons and examples.

### Science

Fifth grade students will continue to build life skills through our Cook Shop program where students have been focusing on healthy eating habits. In addition, students will begin a new unit of our Amplify Science curriculum as they investigate the concept of matter. Students will begin the unit by acting as food scientists by investigating hazardous foods using food dye to determine why the mixture of food coloring separates into different dyes.





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### Social Studies

February is Black History Month

Students will learn about the many contributions and accomplishments of African Americans during the month of February.

Fifth graders will explore Latin America, learn about its geography, study thematic maps, and learn about the various regions.

### Leader in Me/Character Trait

Fifth graders are being proactive students by following the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. This month, we are focusing on building Respect and Habit 5: Think First to Understand, Then to Be Understood. Listen Before You Talk.

### Math

Fifth grade students will begin a new unit focusing on adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. Students will develop an understanding of fractions that have different denominators using models to find the sum and differences. Students will also make estimates and work to find common denominators of fractions.

### Let's Celebrate!

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Students of the Month

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Nya Awer

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Nalaya Lartortue

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Jacob Valentin

