

5th GRADE JANUARY NEWSLETTER

5th Grade Important Dates

January 2: School resumes

January 11: P.S. 147 Day - Wear School Gear

January 14: Picture Retake Day

January 21: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- school closed

January 25: Sharpen the Saw - wear comfy, cozy clothing

January 29: Character Education Assembly - third grade performs

January 29: United We Stand - wear colors that represent your heritage

January 30: Parents in the Classroom at 8:15 followed by PTA meeting at 9:00 am

Reading

Fifth grade students will work on determining a theme message or idea about life about life of a story or drama by looking at the text details. The theme is usually not stated. Readers interpret them by using details about the characters and how they meet and respond to challenges. Readers analyze the characters words, actions, and interactions. Themes are universal, they apply to anyone.

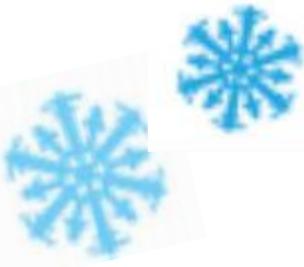
Writing

Fifth grade students will continue informational writing unit. They will produce nonfiction writing, focused on informing the reader about a specific topic. Informational writing is typically found in magazines, science or history books, autobiographies and instruction manuals.

Science

Fifth grade students continue to focus on the unit question: "Why do we see stars at different times?" Student astronomers will continue to investigate this topic using interactive computer simulators to do hands on research. Students push their thinking by analyzing why we see stars at different times of the year? Students will also build models of the solar system to understand the key concept of how the Earth orbits the sun as it spins.





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Social Studies

After learning about the Inuits, fifth grade students will learn about the different homes of early Americans. Student will analyze images of early people's structures and homes to draw conclusion about factors that influenced them. The factors that students will explore are climate and weather, landforms (different forms of land structures), and bodies of water.

Math

Fifth grade students will expand on their knowledge of working with decimals as they begin to practice strategies to divide decimals. Using their knowledge of place value, fifth grade mathematicians will explain patterns in numbers and perform operations to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals to the hundredths place. Students will also use problem solving procedure strategies to understand and explain how to solve word problems.

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 kindness and Think Win-Win.

Let's Celebrate!

5th Students of the Month

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Nya Awer
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Nalaya Lartortue
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Emily Navarro

