

What's New in 5th Grade?

January 10, 2019

Field Trip



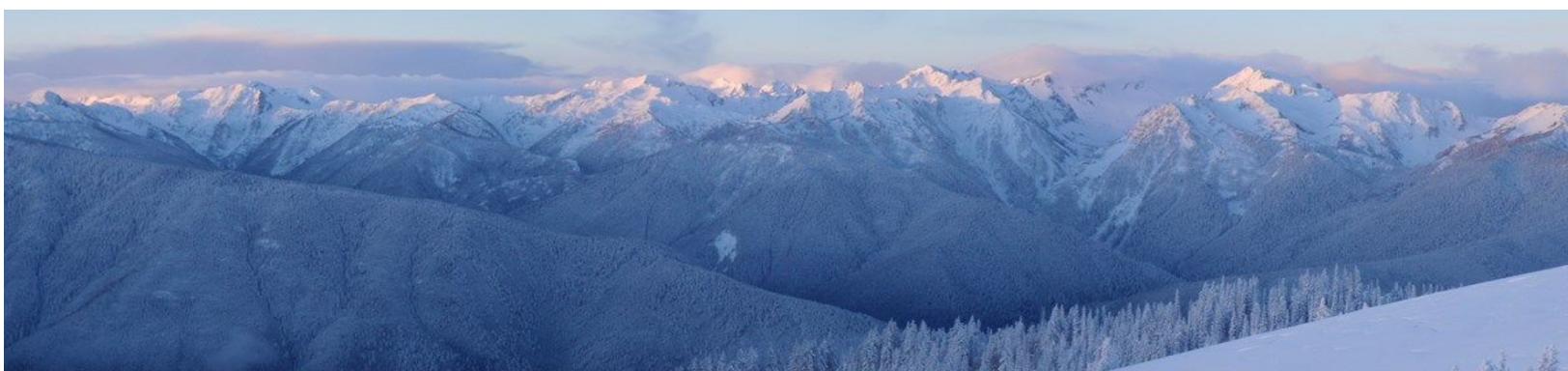
We had a great time on our field trip this week. Here is a short synopsis about what we learned about. You can see some of Ronan's videos here:

<https://video.nationalgeographic.com/search?q=ronan>

Humans are, at our core, social mammals. We build relationships, communicate, reproduce, establish territories, and adapt to shrinking resources. Chimpanzees, wolves, gorillas, and bears are among the most charismatic of the social mammals we know-besides ourselves. They're also under threat. Join biologist turned photographer Ronan Donovan as he talks about the incredible similarities we humans share with other social mammals in the animal kingdom, and what we can learn from them.

ELA

We are continuing Unit 4 in Benchmark. Students will read and compare the different perspectives in selections to analyze point of view. We will read an excerpt from the novel *Zora and Me*. Students will identify key events and summarize the passages. We will also work on how a narrator's point of view influences how events are described in texts. Additionally, in Unit 4, we will continue to work on our grammar exercises and figurative language.



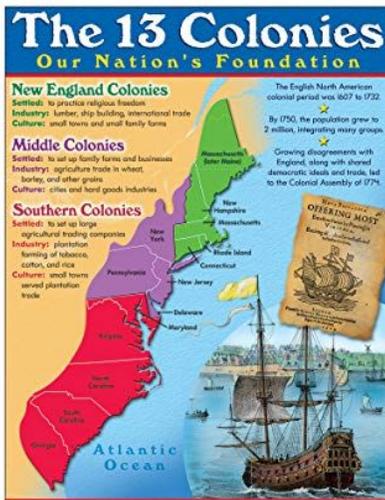
We have finished studying greek and latin roots and are currently working on suffixes and prefixes. This week students will be tested on the prefix pre-. Each week, students can study by logging into quizlet.com. This website creates online flashcards, a matching game, and other ways for your child to study.

Math

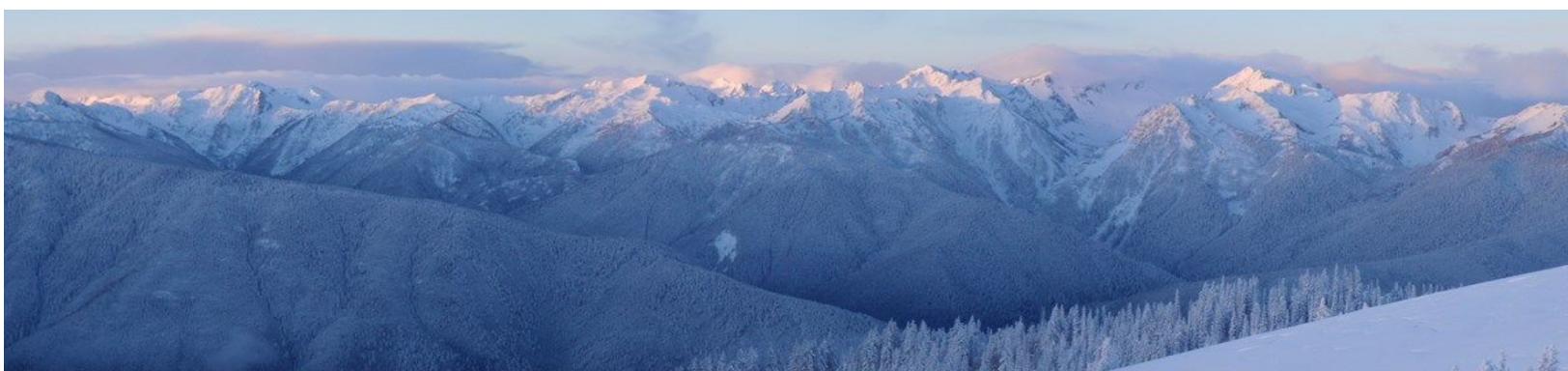
We are currently working on Topic 9: Adding and Subtracting Fractions. The topic begins with a review of equivalent fractions and how to simplify fractions. Next we discuss how to find the Least Common Multiple which sets us up to find a common denominator so we can add and subtract fractions. The Topic 9 test will be on Friday, January 18th.



Social Studies



In Social Studies we are continuing our look at the New World. We have been learning about the first English colonies in America: Roanoke and Jamestown. Some classes are reading a historical fiction novel, Blood on the River. Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Clammors classes read this novel at the end of 2nd quarter. This is a great read that gives the reader a glimpse into the life of a young man who lived in Jamestown and how difficult it was to survive. All classes will be studying the first 13 colonies in the regions of New England, Middle Colonies, and Southern Colonies. We will discuss Puritans and Quakers and the



religious reasons they came to the New World. Finally, we will look at Indentured servants and the reasons why they chose the life of indentured servitude and what that meant for them.

Website: Did you know our Fifth grade team has a website? The link is attached. This will be where you can find key information about what is happening in Fifth Grade.
<https://www.usd232.org/Domain/234>

Key Dates

January 21st - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - no school

January 23rd - band concert

January 28th - Tiger Dens meet to make valentines for Vets

February 8th - Classroom Valentine Parties

February 13-14th - Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Band Schedule:

The current band schedule is located on our Fifth Grade Website. Please refer to that site for information on the daily schedule. A copy of November is included on the next page.

