

What's New in 5th Grade?

February 4th, 2019

ELA

Over the next two weeks, we will be covering Unit 5 - "Technology's Impact on Society" in Benchmark Advance. In this unit, students will draw on information from text to timelines, read and respond to poems, understand how parts of a text fit together, explain the relationship between events in a historical text, and review the elements of poems and dramas.

This week students will be tested on the prefix sub. 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. The week of parent teacher conferences there will be no prefix quiz!

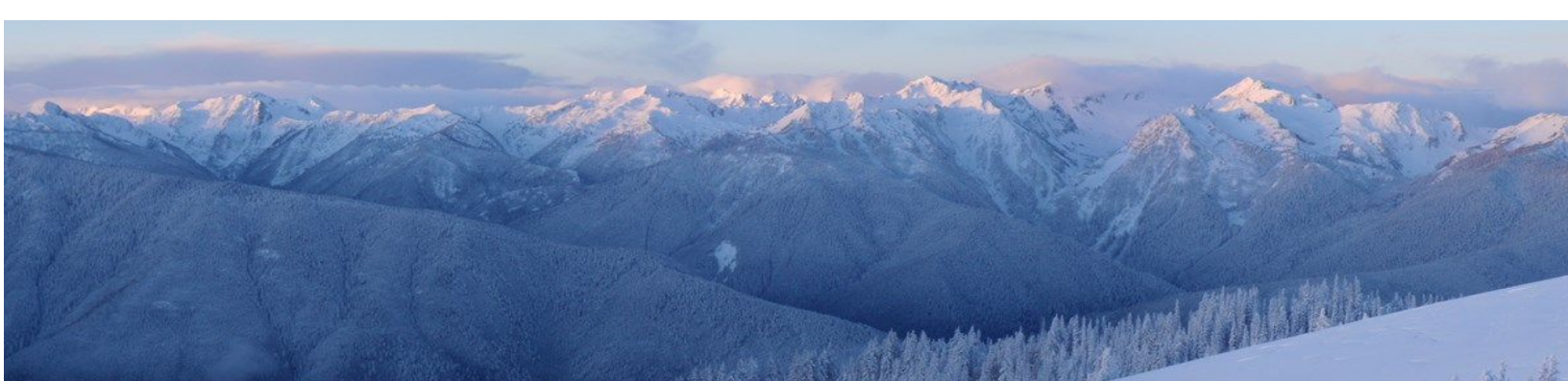
Math

We will be starting Topic 11 - "Multiplying & Dividing Decimals" on Wednesday of this week. The test will be on February 22nd. This will be last topic for math that will be taught in your child's homeroom class before we start switching classes for math. We will cover the next four topics by switching classes. Each teacher will teach one topic for four days before rotating to the next classroom for the next topic. There will not be topic tests over these topics.



Science

Last week we started our physical science unit covering the properties of matter. This unit is full of great experiments and investigations that will allow the students to be more hands on with the subject matter. We will conduct experiments relating to magnetism, electrical conductivity, chemical vs. physical changes, heat and hardness. We will also learn about the theory of conservation of mass. The test for this topic will be on February 22nd.





Day of Play

Tuesday, February 6 we will participate in the Global School Day of Play. This is a day students can bring anything they wish to play with to school. The only restrictions: they must bring toys and these toys may NOT require batteries or electricity. No devices. Some options include board games, dolls, Legos, blocks, trucks, cars, racetracks, playing cards, empty cardboard boxes, markers, jigsaw puzzles, blankets (for forts), social games (charades, Pictionary, etc.) The only exception on the electronics rule would be a board game that has an electronic timer, an electronics play kit, or similar. We might even take them out in the snow!

There is great research that shows the benefits of unstructured play. We have included a link to a TED talk here that explains the need for unstructured play. Feel free to watch it! We have also included a link to Global School Day of Play website for more information.

Link 1: TED Talk - [The Decline of Play TED Talk](#)

Link 2: Global School Day of Play Website - [Website link](#)

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

February 6 - Global School Day of Play

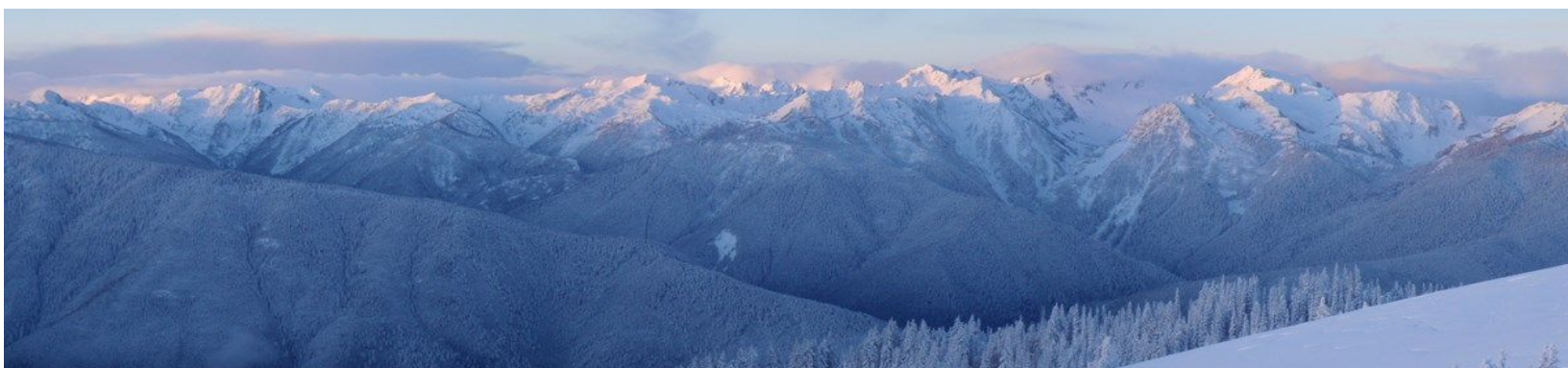
February 8th - Classroom Valentine Parties

February 13-14th - Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

February 18th - No School, President's Day

March 1st - Mill Creek Musical 1:00-3:00pm

March 11-18 - Spring Break



Band Schedule:

The current band schedule is located on our Fifth Grade Website. Please refer to that site for information on the daily schedule.

February 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	2
3	4 Trumpet Trombone	5 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	6 Full Band	7 Trumpet Trombone	8 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	9
10	11 Trumpet Trombone	12 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	13 Full Band Concert at 2:30 -Cafeteria	14 No School	15 No School	16
17	18 No School	19 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	20 Full Band	21 Trumpet Trombone	22 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	23
24	25 Trumpet Trombone	26 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	27 Full Band	28 Trumpet Trombone		

