

What's New in 5th Grade?

September 27, 2018

Thank You!



Thank you for donating to our Tiger Trek fundraiser. The money collected will go towards items that will help us make the curriculum come to life in our classrooms. Additionally, thank you for coming to Parent Teacher Conferences and partnering with your student's teacher to make this the most successful 5th grade year possible. We appreciate all you do for your students at home and the support you give us at school.

ELA



After the break for conferences we'll come back and hit the ground running in ELA. We will start Unit 2 which is all about developing characters' relationships. The lessons in this unit use text excerpts from *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Students will work on comparing and contrasting characters, identifying key events and summarizing text, comparing varieties of English (dialect), and analyzing how visual elements contribute to meaning and mood.

Classes are also working on developing their own super hero. We will discuss character traits and what traits superheroes have in common. Students will then choose traits for their superhero based on their own character traits. They will decide on what super powers their hero will have as well as developing their superhero's backstory. After determining who their superhero will be, they will then use their writing and editing skills to produce a paragraph about their superhero. This is always a favorite 5th grade writing assignment!

This week's greek and latin root is "DICT". The following week, the root word is "SECT". 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. Your child has log in information in their agenda.

Math

October we will start topic 6 which will cover multiplying decimals. After this unit we will move to topic 4 which is dividing by 1-digit divisors. This will be followed by dividing by 2-digit divisors in topic 5. It is imperative that your student knows his/her multiplication facts. Multi-digit multiplication and long division can get very tedious, and knowing their times tables fluently will help them throughout these topics.

Social Studies

We started talking about European Explorers in our Social Studies class this week. After reading the book *Encounter* by Jane Yolen, we discussed the changes to the people and the land of North America that were brought about by European contact. We will discuss how the explorers, Leif Erikson, Columbus, and Magellan impacted the discoveries in the New World. Students will also learn what reasons the explorers had for going on such dangerous adventures. There will be an Explorers 1 test on Thursday, October 4th. Next we will look at John Cabot, Hernando DeSoto, Henry Hudson, and Robert LaSalle and their contributions to exploration in the new world. There will be an Explorers 2 test the following week over these men.



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

Tuesday, October 2nd - Picture Day!

Friday, October 5th - Bully Free Zone Walk and Assembly

October 1-5 - 8th Annual Kansas Anti-Bullying Awareness Week "Create a World without Bullying"

Spirit Week

Monday *Hat Day* – Let's put a cap on bullying!

Tuesday *We All Shine* – Wear neon colors.

Wednesday *United We Stand* – Wear Red, White & Blue.

Thursday *We're All On the Same Team* – Wear team apparel.

Friday *We Can Have a School without Bullying* -
Wear school colors or a school shirt.

October 12 & 15 - No School - Teacher In-service

Friday, October 26th - Haunted Horizon

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 October is included on the next page.



October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Trumpet Trombone	2 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	3 Trumpet Trombone	4 Trumpet Trombone	5 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	6
7	8 Trumpet Trombone	9 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	10 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	11 Trumpet Trombone	12 No School	13
14	15 No School	16 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	17 Trumpet Trombone	18 Trumpet Trombone	19 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	20
21	22 Trumpet Trombone	23 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	24 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	25 Trumpet Trombone	26 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	27
28	29 Trumpet Trombone	30 Flute Clarinet Saxophone Percussion	31 Trumpet Trombone			

