

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter**  
**For the week of Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> - February 15<sup>th</sup> , 2013**



**Happy Valentine's Day!**



<p><b>In Reading...</b></p> <p>We will continue to work on ISAT skills necessary to be successful on the test. Our focus this week will be on comparing passages and different characters. The students will learn what information is important to recognize, as well as, looking for how 1 passage helps you understand another one. We will also continually review different literary points of view, author's purpose, theme, identifying different literary genres, and vocabulary strategies.</p> <p>**Please ask your child questions when you read with them. This helps students with comprehension and gives them a self-check to ensure that they are thinking about what they are reading. **</p>	<p><b>In Math...</b></p> <p>We are discussing fractions in relationship to percents and decimals. We are talking at length about what is a fraction, percent, and decimal and what is the relationship between them? Students are using money as an example to help them think through these math concepts.</p> <p>Please ask your child what they are learning at school, they should be able to discuss concepts and ideas we have been going over in class. Also, when at the supermarket or retail store, ask them questions about sale prices, percentages off, how much for each unit, etc.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Important Dates &amp; Events</u></b></p> <p><b>Event:</b> Family Movie Night - Friday, Feb. 8th, 2013  <b>Movie:</b> The Lorax  <b>Time:</b> Doors open at 6:00pm - Pizza will be available at the concession stand along with other snacks and drinks starting at 6:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Movie starts at 6:30pm</u></b></p> <p>NAAPID - Monday, February 11th  <b>YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS</b> - Due February 21st</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Announcements</u></b></p> <p>*Ms. Crossetti &amp; Mr. Lee have created "Wish Lists" on a new website with our supply wishes for 2nd semester. Please take a look and see if there is something you would like to donate to the classrooms 😊*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.teacherlists.com/lists/view/stratton-elementary/5/ms.-crossettis-class/anne-crossetti/much-needed-supplies">http://www.teacherlists.com/lists/view/stratton-elementary/5/ms.-crossettis-class/anne-crossetti/much-needed-supplies</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.teacherlists.com/lists/view/stratton-elementary/5/mr.-leos-5th-grade-class/amos-lee/classroom-supplies">http://www.teacherlists.com/lists/view/stratton-elementary/5/mr.-leos-5th-grade-class/amos-lee/classroom-supplies</a></p>
<p><b>In Science...</b></p> <p>We will continue to explore the Weather. Students will continually review the 6 main factors affecting the weather. This week, students will discuss different types of clouds and their effect on the weather around us. Some vocabulary that students should know is: Cumulus Clouds, Stratus Clouds, Cirrus Clouds, and the components of the Water Cycle.</p>	<p><b>In Writing...</b></p> <p>Students will begin the final stages of writing their Fiction stories. We will be self-editing, as well as, peer-editing our papers. Students will be looking for grammar, spelling, and punctuation mistakes. We will also be writing final copies or typing them, as well as, creating a "book cover" to accompany our writing.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Contact Information</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stratton: 217-373-7330</p> <p>Anne Crossetti: <a href="mailto:crossean@champaignschools.org">crossean@champaignschools.org</a>  <a href="http://crossetti.yolasite.com">crossetti.yolasite.com</a> (class website)</p> <p>Amos Lee: <a href="mailto:leeam@champaignschools.org">leeam@champaignschools.org</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>**MicroSociety Info**</b></p> <p>We were glad to see so many parents at our 1st annual MicroSociety night. We will be in market day mode next week and students will be able to visit other ventures on their consumer break.</p>