

5th Grade Newsletter
For the week of Monday, November 19th- November 30th, 2012



Happy Thanksgiving!

<p>In Reading... This week we will continue to listen to our “reading voice” in our head. This voice should be checking for understanding and asking us questions as we read. We are also working on writing our thinking down on Post Its after each page we read to check for our understanding. **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. ** Students will continue to use the Daily 5 framework when they are not meeting in a guided reading group. The Daily 5 framework consists of 5 different activities: Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading (on the laptops), Working on Writing (describe an important event, summary, letter to a character, make a connection) and Word Work (Words their Way & Nessy *new computer program*).</p>	<p>In Math... We are still continuing to discuss different strategies of solving division problems. We are also creating and solving word problems involving the operation of division. If your children are having difficulty figuring out a division problem, ask them to tell you a story involving the numbers. We are working on helping students get a firm conceptual understanding of the operation of division. We are staying away from notions that division is the opposite of multiplication, but rather talking about splitting up a number of items equally into a set number of groups. Please continue to work on these ideas at home. We will be completing the division unit soon, but it will depend on if our students need more time with the concepts.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Important Dates & Events</u> No School- Wednesday-Friday, November 22nd-23rd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Break Assembly- Friday, November 30th @ 8am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PBIS & Habit #2 Celebration <i>Dear Strattonville Families, J-Jay's Baskets is a business in Strattonville . We are asking you to donate any old baskets you many not want anymore. Big or small whatever you have!! Thanks for your generous donations!</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sincerely, J-Jay's Baskets</i></p> </p>	<p>In Science... We have finished our Geology unit and will be moving on to a Social Studies unit.</p>
<p>In Social Studies... We are continuing our discussion of the Great Depression through Joy Hakim’s book which addresses the issue on multiple fronts. We are looking at how different social groups experienced this time period and what results occurred from the lost of jobs, such as migration movements.</p>	<p>In Writing... Students are finishing their work on writing a 5 paragraph essay on “What they are thankful for”. This week, we will focus on writing a conclusion and editing their entire essay. Kids will be looking for mistakes in the form of paragraph format and structure, spelling, grammar, missing words, incomplete sentences, capitalization & punctuation. We are guiding them to use complete sentences and use paragraph form.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Information Stratton: 217-373-7330 Anne Crossetti: crossean@champaignschools.org crossetti.yolasite.com (class website) Amos Lee: leeam@champaignschools.org Other Announcements <i><u>Pennies for Pasta:</u> Please donate any loose change for patients with Leukemia and Lymphoma. We are in a competition to see which class can raise the most money!! We are accepting donations the entire month of November!!!</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">**MicroSociety Info**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask your child about their jobs and roles in their venture • Ask about the Market Days, November 5-16th. • Each student is given one shopping day per week. This is our second week of Market and we will take a break for two weeks. • We will then resume Market Days during the week of December 3rd through December 14.