

5th Grade Newsletter
For the week of Monday, October 22nd- October 25th, 2012



Parent-Teacher Conferences this week!!!

<p>In Reading... We are now meeting regularly as guided reading groups. The students are well into our novels or books. We are having great conversations about our books. 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 (discovering meanings of new words).</p>	<p>In Math... We are continuing on in Everyday Mathematics. We have completed our unit on decimals, rounding, and place value. We will be beginning our division facts as well as looking at long division. We are using place value and the relationships between multiplication and division in order to better help our students understand how long division works.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Important Dates & Events</u></p> <p>Early Dismissal- Thursday, October 25th @ 11am No School- Friday, October 26th Parent/Teacher Conferences-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, October 25th 4-8 pm • Friday, October 26th 8-11 am 	<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 beginning our unit study into the Great Depression. Students will be investigating and trying to experience what life was like during the Great Depression, and what effects the depression had on politics, society, government role, and the arts. We will be looking at first hand accounts of how different groups of people coped with, lived through, and survived the Great Depression.</p>	<p>In Writing... We are focusing on proper writing mechanics (i.e. punctuation, grammar, capitalization, etc.). Also, students are writing daily during our reading/writing block. Students are summarizing an event, writing a letter to the author or character, and/or making text to self connections with what they are reading. We are guiding them to use complete sentences and use paragraph form.</p>
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