



5th Grade Newsletter



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A Note From Our Staff:

We have so many exciting things going on at LPS Secondary! Please visit the school's web site often so you can get the most up-to-date information.

This year's student-led conferences will be electronic! Because of this change, you may confer with your child at any time or place, as long as you have internet access. Your child will create and set up their online Leadership Binders in class, and they'll be ready for you to review and discuss.

Math

We are continuing to work on Unit 3, Multiplying Whole Numbers and Decimals. This week we completed 3.6-3.8. Next week we will cover 3.9-3.13. Parents, if you see blue pages from the book that do not have a grade on them please be sure they get completed and returned to school for a grade. If a blue page comes home with a grade, it can stay home.

Also, all students have received their TTM log in information and should be working hard on TTM. I am requiring at least 2 topics per week. Pearson Realize logins, to see the book online, will be coming soon.

Communications

Now that we have completed our study of friendly letters and persuasive writing, we are ready to move on to a new topic: professional letters.

As we learn about the format of professional (or formal) letters, your 5th graders will notice that it's very similar to the format for friendly letters. The big differences between friendly and professional letters are the recipient and the topic of the letter itself.

Because it's such a simple transition from one letter format to another, our plan is to complete this unit in only 7 or 8 school days.

Science

The Mixtures and Solutions test marks the end of our study of matter. We certainly learned a lot! How to measure matter, how to describe it, how it changes (or doesn't change) when it's combined. Lots of learning through exploration and collaboration!

Our next unit will cover Energy. We will begin by studying the different types of energy, how they're used, and identify appliances that convert one type of energy to another.

Humanities

Early Explorers had some funny names . . . ask your student about an explorer named "Cow Head"! We're learning about explorers and the early settlements in North America. Our next Humanities test will be October 21 and will cover these explorers and early settlements. All students have access to our Social Studies curriculum online at www.pearsonrealize.com where they can review the chapters we read and discuss in class. Periodically I will assign online quizzes and activities for them to complete in class and at home.

The Region project was a great success. The students were extremely creative illustrating and teaching about their assigned regions. We finished our novel, Among The Hidden. Many students were surprised at the ending and enticed to read the next book in the series. Please encourage them to do so! We will continue to use the plot and storyline of this novel to learn and apply literature terms. There will be a pop quiz on this novel soon.