



5th Grade Newsletter



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A Note From Our Staff:

As one season comes to an end and another begins, we start to see dramatic changes in weather patterns. These changes can sometimes lead to illnesses. We want all of our children to be present in school each day, but when students become sick this cannot always be possible. Please refer to our student handbook for information about when to keep your child home, when they may return to school, and what to do in order to excuse your child's absences.

Math

In Math, we finished up Topic 3 and took the End of Topic Test. We are now working on Topic 4, Number Sense: Dividing by 2 Digit Divisors. There are only 5 sections in Unit 4 so there will be an End of Unit Test the week of the 7th. Next we will begin Unit 5, Developing Proficiency: Dividing by 2 Digit Divisors.

Students need to be earning at least 3 certificates in TTM AND working in Khan Academy for 30 minutes each week. This is a part of their homework grade in Math and is assigned from Friday to Friday. They are also rewarded every Friday for meeting the weekly requirements.

Communications

We are done, for now, discussing the different types of letters and how to write them. Starting Monday, November 7 we will begin working on a project where students will create a presentation using technology and present it to their classes.

Science

We have been working on a combined energy unit with a focus on electrical and light energy. The end-of-unit assessment is scheduled for Friday, 11/4.

Once the test is complete, our next unit of study will begin on Monday, 11/7. For this unit, we will discuss Earth and Space. Our first topic in this unit will be Changes to Land. We will learn Earth's forces that result in various landforms. By the time we complete this topic, students should be able to look at pictures of various landforms, give a hypothesis about how it was formed, and support their hypotheses with evidence.

Humanities

It's that time of year! Time for Pilgrims and pumpkins. As we progress through the early years of the United States we're learning about the Pilgrims and Puritans and how they impacted the founding of our country. Do you know the difference between the Pilgrims and the Puritans? Ask your student to explain it to you!

As we head into Thanksgiving break, we will learn about life in the colonies. In order to spend more class time doing projects and having lively discussions, some reading assignments will be done as homework. The homework assignments are posted on the board in class as well as on my web site.