

Fifth Grade Huskies

10/5/15-10/16/15

What's Happening in 5th Grade?

Dates to Remember

Individual Picture Day 10/5
Progress Reports Go Home 10/7

Family Fun Night 10/9
Student Holiday/Staff 10/12
Science CDB 10/15
Box Tops Due 10/

English/Language Arts/Reading: This year we are teaching our reading skills using a different approach. Our goal is for students to understand and enjoy the different genres or types of literature available. We are immersing them in the reading while teaching skills. Grades are being taken in a different manner. During your conference with your child's teacher, he or she will explain the manner in which reading is being taught and how we are taking grades on the skills. This is also true for spelling as we are no longer giving a set of words to be studied, memorized, and then tested on Friday. We are doing a word study to teach students the patterns and phonics to aid them in their application of spelling. Please take time to meet with your child's teacher in the next month to have a clear understanding of where we are headed and why homework may look different. In ELAR, we will be wrapping up our fiction genre by focusing on character traits, forshadowing, and flashbacks. We will continue focusing on our personal narratives and take them through the writing process.

<u>Math:</u> In math we will work towards completing our multiplication of whole numbers and decimals unit. Be sure to ask your child about how they performed on the Topic 3 Assessment. Next we will move into division of whole numbers and decimals. Please make sure that your child is working on their basic math facts regularly so that they do not make computation errors. That way they are able to be successful problem solvers.

<u>Science:</u> We are finishing up Earth Science. Students are reviewing landforms, vocabulary and will be tested over these concepts in the coming weeks. Up next, Physical Science . . . We will be learning all about matter, force and motion and energy.

Social Studies: In Social Studies, we will be examining the causes of the Vietnam and Korean Wars. We will compare and contrast communism and the constitutional republic style of government.

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