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5th Grade News



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Upcoming Events

Dec. 2 Dismissal 11:50 AM
Dec. 7 Late Start and Fun Lunch
Dec. 16 Winter Concert
9:45 Last names A- M
1:30 Last names N-Z
Dec. 16 Report cards sent home

Math ~ Unit 5: Fractions, Decimals and Percents. The unit will focus on rational numbers and their notations; equivalence and conversions among fractions, decimals, and percents; and circle graphs and percent circles.

Reading Language Arts ~ Theme: How We Care for our Surroundings ~ we began our novel unit this week. Most of the novels relate to our theme. Novels are divided into five parts. Students read each part and write a written response to what they have read. The focus is on writing a clear, organized response that includes details from the book to support the student's ideas. Students meet with other students who are reading the same book to share thought-provoking questions.

Science ~ We are finishing up the last experiment in the Variables Unit. We will have a test next week, Monday or Tuesday. Study guides were sent home and we spent class time preparing for the test. The tests are open notebook.

Social Studies ~ Chapter 4 focuses on how explorers sought a Northwest Passage and how their countries claimed land. The students will also learn about the first English, Dutch, and French colonies in North America, as well as why people chose to leave their country and settle in a new place. We will also discuss the reasons behind the success and failure of different settlements.



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