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5th Grade News



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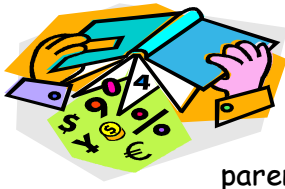
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Upcoming Events

Jan. 16 No School
Jan. 24-27 IOWA Testing

~The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically...Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education. ~ MLK Jr.

Math ~ Unit 6: Using Data; Addition and Subtraction of Fractions focuses on methods for organizing data, understanding how sample size affects a good conclusion and various strategies for adding and subtracting fractions.



The concepts in Unit 7 cover: using numbers written in exponential and scientific notation; using parentheses and applying the order of operations to evaluate expressions and to solve number sentences; ordering, comparing, adding, and subtracting positive and negative numbers.

Reading Language Arts ~ In unit 3, we focus on what we learn from our experiences. We begin each unit by reading two stories from the anthology. This week we read *Going with the Flow*, which is about a student who has to move across the country and start a new school. To add to this challenge, the new student is deaf. In the second story, *Marble Champ*, our protagonist is an academically talented girl who is not very good at sports. She tries something new and finds success. We will talk about how we achieve our goals in life.

Science ~ We continue with the Food and Nutrition Unit by testing cereal samples for sugar by measuring the amount of carbon dioxide produced when the cereal is combined with yeast and warm water. Since yeast needs sugar in order to become active, students are developing their understanding of using yeast as an indicator for sugar.



Social Studies ~ We will begin our study of Chapter 6, focusing on the geography, the founding of, and early life in Middle Colonies. In addition, we will discuss the government of the Middle colonies, specifically, who could/could not participate in the government.



*****Reminder: There will be school for the entire day on January 20th. There was a misprint on the school calendar.*****