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5th Grade News



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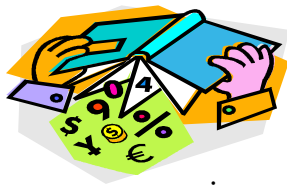
Upcoming Events

Jan. 16 No School

Jan. 24-27 IOWA Testing

"No one is useless in the world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else." – Charles Dickens

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 read the second story from unit 3 in our anthology titled, *Marble Champ*. Our protagonist is an academically talented girl who is not very good at sports. She tries something new and finds success. We 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 are continuing with our study of Chapter 6, focusing on the founding of and life in the Middle and Southern Colonies. We will end the chapter with hands-on activities of daily life in Colonial Williamsburg.



******* IMPORTANT *******
A bright orange form is being sent home today for Middle School foreign language selection. Please fill it out and return it no later than Thurs., Jan. 19th.
