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# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News



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## Upcoming Events

Nov. 10 No School PM  
Nov. 10 No School (conferences)  
Nov. 11 Veteran's Day  
Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

***Nature is full of genius...so that not a snowflake escapes its fashioning hand.***  
~ Henry David Thoreau

Math ~ Unit 4: Division. Basic facts will be key, as well as being able to understand and interpret remainders. Different algorithms will be introduced.

Reading Language Arts ~ We started a new unit in our anthology with a narrative nonfiction story titled *The Diver and the Dolphin*. We will emphasize the skill of analyzing steps in a process. After that, we will move right into our next story, *Everglades*. The skill for this story is identifying author's purpose.



Science ~ Next week, we will begin the last investigation in the variables unit, catapults, where students will test how the angle of the catapult or the weight of an object effects how far the object will travel.

Social Studies ~ In chapter 3, the students are learning about European exploration in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. The students will read about motives for exploration



Next, we will learn about early European settlements in the New World, and 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.

*Happy first snow!*

