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5th Grade News



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Upcoming Events

Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Time
Nov. 7-10 Book Fair
Nov. 8 & 10 Conferences
Nov. 10 No School PM
Nov. 10 No School (conferences)
Nov. 11 Veteran's Day

*"Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile."
~ William Cullen Bryant*

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 will start a new unit in our anthology next week 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.

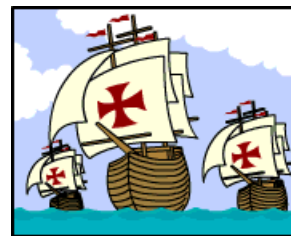


Language Arts: The narrative nonfiction essays are complete. However, we will continue to work on editing and revising these stories to improve word choice, introductions and conclusions.

In addition, our Lifeskills lessons, which is part of our Health Curriculum has a writing component to it. We have completed the first lesson on Identifying and Managing Stress. The students demonstrate their understanding through a written response.

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 Unit 4, the students will learn about European exploration in the 15th and 16th centuries. The students will read about and analyze artifacts, categorizing them in one of three ways: as motives for exploration, as new technology that encouraged exploration, or as "new" products from the Americas.



In Unit 5, we will learn about early European explorers and the impacts of their expeditions to the new world.

WCKE: The 5th grade students have one last test on Friday morning. Many of our students are enjoying a break from the rigorous academic routine, especially a break from homework!