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



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## Upcoming Events

Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Break  
Dec. 2 11:50 Dismissal  
Dec. 7 Late Start & Fun Lunch

*In every walk with nature  
one receives far more than he seeks.  
~ John Muir*

Math ~ Unit 4: Division. Basic facts will be key, as well as being able to understand and interpret remainders. Different algorithms will be introduced. The traditional method is introduced and emphasized, but students may choose the technique that works best for them.

Reading Language Arts ~ Theme: How We Care for our Surrounding ~ We read a story about the Everglades by Jean Craighead George. We continue to use the Storyworks magazine, which includes a nonfiction article, a fiction article and a play in each issue. We often have students respond to one of the stories to continue to practice their writing skills. We will start our novel unit after the Thanksgiving break.

Science ~ We began 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 ~ 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.



*Happy Thanksgiving*

