

# **Fifth Grade Newsletter for the Week of October 21, 2024**

## **Upcoming Events**

October 24 – Birds of Prey demonstration

November 8 – Chemistry demonstration

November 22 – Explorers Day – Each class will need at least four volunteers to help our students navigate the high seas on their search for golden treasure.

Here's a look at the week ahead:

## **Spelling**

We will enter the words of List 4, with a test of those words on Friday, October 25.

## **Math**

Lessons 4-7 through 4-9, Monday through Wednesday. No math on Thursday due to Birds of Prey. Math test 4 will be on Friday, October 25.

## **History**

The French and the Dutch seek out their places in the New World. The Dutch East India Company dominates much of the world's commerce and brings untold wealth to the Netherlands.

## **Science**

We are going to be starting a new unit on Energy and matter in the ecosystem. We will be doing some plant cuttings and watching to see how the weight and water levels change over the next couple of weeks.

## **Writing**

We begin a Research and Writing unit. This week we will utilize a single source for our research and then write a three-paragraph essay on Ludwig van Beethoven.

## **Poetry Recitation**

The first, second, and third chunks "Four score → last full measure of devotion" will be recited this week. The remaining due dates are:

Fourth chunk: "that we here → from the earth." – due Nov. 4

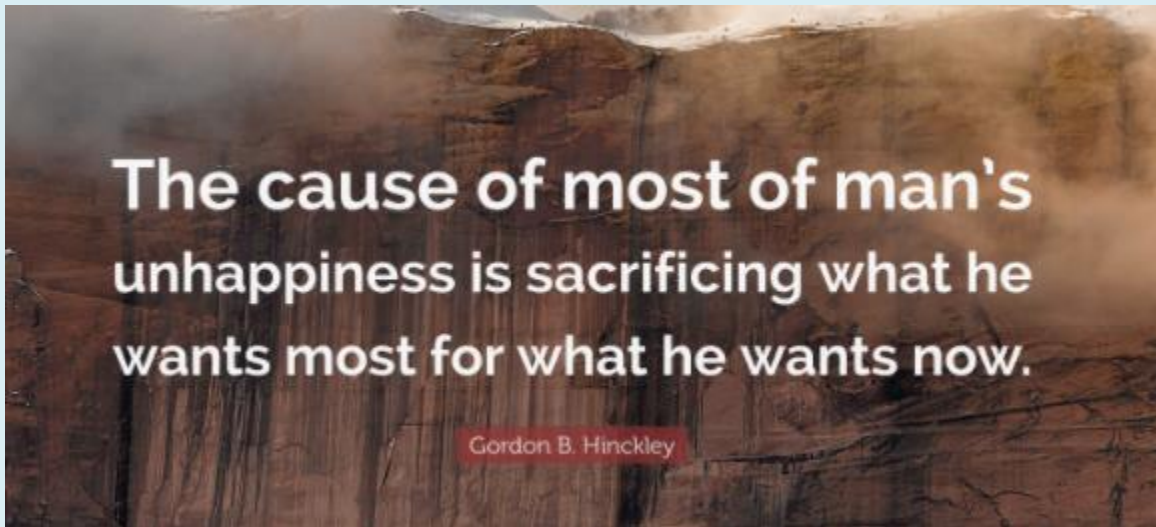
Practice early, practice often, and practice over Fall Break!

## **Literature**

My Side of the Mountain, by Jean Craighead George.

# Character Corner

The character trait for the month of October is Self-Control. The ability to exert self-control is often referred to as willpower. It allows people to focus their attention despite the presence of competing stimuli, and it is foundational to all kinds of achievement, from school to the workplace. It benefits relationships as well. Everyone can and should learn to cultivate healthy self-discipline and take counter-measures to control their behavior.



## Spalding for Parents Class

Thursday Evenings  
November 7 and November 14  
5 pm – 8 pm  
TCA East Campus

During this two-session class, you will learn the Spalding phonograms, spelling rules, comprehension strategies, and ways to support your child in reading and writing.

The cost for the class is \$10. Please register at this IC Store link by **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Although it is the TCA East store, it is a class for TCA parents from all campuses.

<https://academy20co.infinitecampus.org/campus/store/academy20/school-store/53>

